

SAINT JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
68th and Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia

THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

October 28th, 1942.

My dear People:

I am using this Parish-family letter to inform you of the annual pledge which we ask you to make for the support of the Church's work. I would prefer having a committee of visitors to call on every family and talk to you about the needs of the Parish and Diocese. It seemed unfair to ask people already giving so much of their time to the Parish, or over-taxed in war industry jobs to take on an additional task. So I am depending on you to make a generous response to my written appeal.

1. A pledge card is enclosed for every confirmed member in your home.
2. Each one is requested to make a pledge for (a) the support of the parish; (b) the support of the work of the Episcopal Church outside the parish.
3. Envelopes will be provided for all who sign (unless they prefer to contribute in another way).
4. All pledges should be placed in offering plates on or before November 15th. The pledges may be mailed to the Rectory.

May I depend on you to consider this appeal seriously. Please do not lay this letter aside, considering that the support of your Church is not your responsibility. Every single one of us has a responsibility. Let us not shirk it. Will you also see that every member of your family reads this letter.

There are about sixty members of the Parish serving in the Armed Forces. Many of them were regular contributors using the weekly envelopes. Their offerings will be missed. We hope that others by taking envelopes, or increasing their present pledge, will offset this difference.

I do hope that in the midst of this terrible world cataclysm you are praying for the deliverance of the nations from the destruction of war; that you are remembering all who are serving in the Armed Forces of this Country; and that you are realizing your privilege and duty as a Church member to usher in, with all of God's people, a new and better order, wherein all men may dwell in the spirit of brotherhood.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,
James C. Gilbert.

THE PARISH REGISTER
May 1 to October 15, 1942

BAPTISMS: David Edward Orrell; Lillian Arlene Wiedman; Robert Matthew Woods, Jr.; Margaret Elizabeth Robinson; Margaret Ann Nonemaker; Kenneth Robert Lockwood; Donald George Pagan; William Edward Metzger, Jr.; Robert Charles Morgan; Iris Mae Vance; Susanne Stokes Yerkes; Anna Marie Lynch; Jay Harvey Mullen, Jr.; Frank James Farmer, Jr.; Frederick Clarence Helfer, Jr.

MARRIAGES: Edward J. Phipps and Emma L. Perry; John J. Steinle and Caroline Stowman; Christian Erdwein and Gertrude Diver; Thomas L. Hornberger and Vera M. Eismann.

BURIALS: Edward Jones; Eugene Thomas; Charles Sterling; William G. Bassler; John B. Smith; Edith Ayers; (Mrs.) Mary Louise Magee; William H. Maurer; Harry C. Freeman; Marie Fernau; Kate Cooper; Ida Greenfield; Sarah M. Vey; Richard Tangye; Walter Scott MacKenzie; William Weir; Ella S. Greason.

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES' CHURCH: Mrs. Mary Algae Moore, from St. Luke's Church, Altoona, Pa.; Mrs. Hilda James Meenen, from St. James', (22nd and Walnut) Philadelphia; Donald James Meenen, from St. James' Church, Philadelphia; James Gibson, from Christ Church, Frackville, Pa.; Mrs. J. Gibson, from Christ Church, Frackville, Pa.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SCHOOL OF WORSHIP: We shall devote three Sunday nights in November to the study of Worship. On November 15th, 22nd, and 29th, the Revd. Edward Platts, St. James', Perkiomen, will be our guest speaker. His topics will be "The Story of Christian Worship"; "Answers to Questions about Worship". and "The Holy Communion".

CONFIRMATION: Dr. Hart, the Bishop Coadjutor will visit St. James', December 20th, at 11 A.M. for Confirmation. The confirmation class has been meeting since October 4th, each Sunday at 4 P.M. in the Sparks Building.

There is a celebration of the Holy Communion on the last Sunday of each month at 7:45 P.M. This service has been arranged as a convenience for defense-workers, and others whose hours of employment make it inconvenient or impossible to attend a morning celebration. *** Mr. J. E. Wagner, director of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in this parish attended the Brotherhood Convention in Louisville, Ky., early in September. *** The Daughters of the King made an interesting pilgrimage on the occasion of their picnic Saturday, July 25th. Places visited were St. George's, Ardmore; St. David's, Devon; The Church Farm School *** Instead of the usual seashore trip, the Choir went as a body to the circus on June 11th. *** A branch of the Girls Friendly Society meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 8 P.M. in the Guild Room. Mrs. Laird and Mrs. Hemphill are the leaders. Interested girls are welcome. *** The G.F.S. Candidates enjoyed a picnic on Saturday, June 20th, at Bartram Gardens. *** A Committee has been organized to study the matter of re-decorating the Church. On Sunday September 15th, the Committee visited Christ Church, Upper Merion, and St. James', Perkiomen. *** Approximately 400 persons enjoyed the Sunday School Picnic at Woodside Park on July 15th.

COMMUNICANT SLIPS: Have you signed a Communicant slip? If not, your name can not be included on the Communicant list of this parish. These communicant slips are in the vestibule of the Church, and when properly filled in should be placed in the offering plate, or in the white box in the vestibule. It is very important that your Rector have this Communicant List complete. Will you help him by cooperating.

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know win and need a Saviour: To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first- thus Church opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ - and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME!

SAINT JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
68th and Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia

THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

December 15, 1942.

My dear People:

As the Christmas season approaches our minds go back to that quiet village in Judea where Jesus was born of Mary. What a spectacle the civilization that Jesus was born into! So much of misery and ignorance. Men striving against one another; greed and suspicion, ignorance and evil, battle and murder. 1900 years have passed. The nations are at war, and many of us go through our days with heavy hearts. A ray of hopefulness does shine thru all the dark clouds. It is the LIGHT that first shone in Bethlehem.

"Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in Peace", said St. Simeon, "for mine eyes have seen thy Salvation, a Light to lighten the Gentiles". To-day, over all the Earth Churches are proclaiming Jesus, His Way of Life, His Kingdom, His Coming Again. The Churches are not reaching the great masses of men with these Good Tidings. That is unfortunate. But we are not discouraged. We have Our Lord's work to do. Many may be indifferent, or antagonistic. We must keep on proclaiming the Presence and Goodness of God wherever we have an opportunity. We must continue sending missionaries to declare the Good News, which is the Gospel of Christ, to all men everywhere. Christ is of the ages. His Kingdom is Eternal. To us 1900 years is a long space, and we seem to have accomplished so little. But patience, sacrifice, prayer, worship, these will all gain the Christian Victory. Some day the hearts of men, and the nations of the Earth will belong to Christ. Then we shall be happy that we were privileged to have a part, matter not how little, in doing the Master's Work. So the anniversary of the first Christmas ought to stir us anew unto seeking the Altar of Holy Church.

My greetings to you, and may this be a blessed season because its religious significance means more to you.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

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THE PARISH REGISTER

October 15 to December 11, 1942

BAPTISMS: James MacBride Jones
Carol Anne Spence
William George Lowe
Carol Clastine Willoughby

Stanley Ewing Differy
Jeannette Florence Bentz
Paul Enoch Bentz
Dolores Marie Robinson

WEDDINGS: William Charles Kling and Myra Helen Petzold
Edward Washington Miller and Katharine Lloyd Cotgreave
Rocco Vita Milano and Frances Elizabeth Tansley

BURIALS: Esther J. Sutton; Lamora Crouse; Clara Lloyd; William D. Carnes;
Margaret Burns; Martha Davis; Henry McKinley; William N. Hellier;
Jesse Foglietta; Thomas B. Williams; Christopher Bolland; Florence
Cooper; Carrie Cooper; Mabel O. Hornberger.

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An envelope is enclosed for your Christmas offering. This money will be set aside in a Special Fund for the re-decoration of St. James Church. Much needs to be done to beautify this fine old Place of Worship. We hope to have a substantial sum to use just as soon as men and material are available. Let us start our fund with a liberal offering.

The schedule of services for the Christmas season is as follows:

Sunday December 20, 8:30 A.M., Holy Communion

11:00 A.M., Confirmation,

The Rt. Revt. Oliver J. Hart, officiating.

We wish that every member of St. James would be present to greet Bishop Hart.

7:45 P.M., The annual Candlelight service.

Thursday December 24, 7:30 P.M., The Sunday School service in the Church.

Friday, December 25, 7:00 A.M., Holy Communion

10:00 A.M., Holy Communion (choral) and brief address.

Sunday, December 27, 11:00 A.M., Morning Prayer and Sermon

7:45 P.M., Holy Communion and Sermon

(This monthly celebration of the Holy Communion is arranged for persons whose various obligations prevent their attending the morning services).

COMMUNICANT SLIPS: It is important that you sign a communicant slip if you have not already done so. The slips are in the vestibule. Gradually we are completing our revision of the communicant list.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

At their November meeting the Men's Club entertained four men of the Merchant Marine. Three of the men were survivors of torpedoed ships. Each had a most interesting story to tell. At the December meeting Dr. Leighton Appleman showed pictures of his travels in England.... Members of the Church Guild served 820 at the Turkey Supper. Over 70 women and girls cooperated in the preparation and serving of this dinner... Daughters of the King have sent three cartons of baby's clothing to the Church Army Workers in West Virginia. Members are now preparing Christmas stockings for this mission's work... The Vestry has contributed recently from the Benevolent Fund of the parish to the Chapin Home, the House of Rest, and St. Monica's Building Fund. St. Monica's is the mission at Woodland Ave. and St. Mark's square serving a congregation of negroes... Between 70 and 80 women participate in the day and evening work for the Red Cross in the Sparks Building on Tuesdays.... Mrs. Bertha Richardson, 6633 Upald Street, has become the Boys' Choir-Mother to succeed Mrs. Sarah Savidson. Mrs. Davidson has served faithfully for several years... The Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday at 10 A.M.

The theme for Forward in Service this year is Evangelism. The Presiding Bishop asks us first to re-enlist those in our parish who are only luke-warm in their zeal. May we hope that every person reading this item will realize the responsibility that God places on him or her for the work of the Christian Church. Let us get back to Church, participate regularly and devoutly in her worship.... Here is a canon of the church enacted by our representatives, lay and clerical: All persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, by regular participation in the public worship of the Church, by hearing the Word of God read and taught, and by other acts of devotion and works of charity, using all godly and sober conversation.

We are in need of many more persons to use the weekly envelopes. Will you plan to take a set of envelopes and make a regular contribution, please.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
March 1, 1943

THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear people:

I am addressing this letter to every person noted on my mailing list as having been confirmed in the Church. Of course, the letter is intended for everyone in the Parish family, and I hope that all who participate in the activities and worship here will consider that these periodic notices are for them. If anyone's name has been overlooked or if there has been any error, kindly notify the Rector. We are eager to have our mailing list accurate.

Over 800 of these letters will be sent to our members. They will go over the face of the Earth. Never before has St. James Church (like other American congregations) had its congregation in every quarter of the globe. To our members who are in the Armed Forces the Church Guild is sending copies of the Lenten "Forward Day by Day". I am hoping that all of us will get a copy and use it daily. We shall then have at least one matter occupying our minds in common for the Lenten Season even though we are on five continents.

Are you making a special rule of life for Lent? Here are a list of suggestions:

1. Use a Book of Devotions daily.
2. Read a book on a religious topic.
3. Read the Scriptures systematically.
4. Visit shut-ins.
5. Attend mid-week services as well as on Sundays.
6. Abstain from a luxury: tobacco; the theatre; confections, et cetera.
7. Give sacrificially for Church and Charity.

Let us realize that we are interested in a Lent that has positive value in our religious life (not what we "do not do", but what we "do" for the Glory of God is paramount.) That positive value must find its highest expression in our devout worship and adoration of our Creator.

May God grant you assurance, inspiration, perseverance as you seek to serve Him in His Holy Church.

Sincerely,

Your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

THE PARISH REGISTER

December 12, 1942 to February 15, 1943

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: William John Watson, III Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bergeman
Mr. & Mrs. Albert F. Fisher Kathryn Armour

WEDDINGS: Frank J. Buckley and Marion C. Atwood; Jesse M. Pearson and Grace E. Lentz; Joseph J. Manderfield and Evelyn A. Kloss; Charles Witfield Rogers, Jr., and Shirley Ellen Hamilton; George R. Mosler and Elsie Floyd; George O. Herker and Irene M. Chapman; Gilbert F. Fitzgerald and Florence J. McCluskey; Eugene Leroy Nichols and Marie Neta Smith.

BAPTISMS: George Louis McKinney; Janet Ethel Hughs; William Matthew Perry;
William Laycock Jones; Carolyn Ruth Hitchner; John Madison Fish, III

CONFIRMATIONS: Mary Lou Auld, Jean Romaine Kopp, Paul Enoch Bentz, William Kidd Lucy, Sarah Theresa Boyd, Edna Mae Marsh, Camilla Dunn, William Henry McCormick, Margaret Violet Fleming, Shirley Elaine Oates, Henry Wolfert,

CONFIRMATIONS (Continued): Sarah Rebecca Hackman, Clara Minerva Rhine, Doris Irene Harrison, William Kidd Scott, Jr., Ellen Gertrude Hoffman, Eleanor Jane Seiberling, Joan Elaine Humes, Catherine Anna Wiggins, James McBride Jones, Bonita Mae Kelley, Irene Mae Yoder, John Carroll Hickey, Dorothy May (Needham) Kelley, Harold John Kerslake.

BURIALS: Mrs. Elizabeth Loving 8-15-42, Alma H. M. Fisher, Clara Yardley Cooley, Jane Campbell, Francis Ghiselin, Rene Tees, Carole H. Mullen, Jacob Stine Mink, Mrs. Ellanora Helfrich.

During Lent there will be a service on each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Several clergymen will be our guests.

March 17th -- The Revd. Percy J. Brown, All Saints, Torresdale
(Mr. Brown sponsored your Rector's Candidacy for Holy Orders, and presented him to Bishop Taitt to be ordained Deacon in 1931).

March 24th -- The Revd. Elden B. Mowers, Holy Apostles.

March 31st -- The Revd. Alexander M. Rodger, Church of the Atonement.

April 7th -- The Revd. J. P. Morris, Chapel of the Prince of Peace.

April 14th -- The Revd. T. W. S. Logan, St. Michael and All Angels.

Wednesdays during Lent at 4 o'clock there will be a children's service in the Church. The Rector will have lantern lectures on Church themes.

THE EASTER OFFERING

Two Easter offering envelopes are enclosed. Each serves for the same purpose. The slot one is for persons who prefer to insert coins periodically. The other for those who prefer to make their contribution in one amount. As to our Easter offering: we shall devote the entire amount to the fund for re-conditioning the Church. Thus far \$1175.00 are in this fund. Can we raise it to \$2000.00? If no person gives less than one dollar we shall meet this goal.

MITE BOXES

Members of the Sunday School will shortly receive their Mite Boxes for the Lentan Missionary offering. We hope to see the girls and boys return \$300.00 to be sent the Treasurer of the Diocese.

Services for Holy Week and Easter Day will be announced from the Chancel, and in the weekly calendar. Two occasions should be noted. Holy Baptism on Easter Even, Saturday, April 24th, at 4 P.M.; the Annual Congregational meeting, Easter Tuesday, April 27th, at 8 P.M.

Have you signed a Communicant slip? The blanks are in the Church vestibule. If you have not already attended to this matter, please help the Rector by doing so.

The Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday at 10 A.M. We are eager to have our people use this service as an occasion for special prayers and thanksgiving. Are there not times when you want to go to the Altar with a particular intention: to remember a loved one's birthday; to thank God for certain blessings and privileges; to bring a perplexing problem. This mid-week celebration should more and more be regarded as a joyous opportunity in our religious life.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING

June 10, 1943

THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear people:

There is much talk abroad about a "Just and Durable Peace", about "Planning for a Better World To-morrow". It is really significant that in our generation it is not left for the statesman alone to think about, and plan these matters. Our leaders are asking all of us to join in preparing for the Peace. As individuals, you and I cannot expect that our lone voices will be heard. But we want to be heard, heard as members of the Church of Christ. The leaders of the Church will be heard in our name. We do not expect that the Church will be asked to prepare terms of Armistice or treaties of Peace. We do expect that the Church will have a voice regarding humane and charitable principles that must obtain in laying the foundations for the New Order. If you and I are really earnest in our longing for a "Just and Durable Peace", let us help by lives of devotion to God in His Holy Church. The Church will be heard, the Church will influence the world to-morrow only as her members are strong, fervent, evangelical in their convictions. Let us pray God that all of us may be given "to think His thoughts after Him". May we as Christian people be mightily used of God to do His Will in our Parish, our Community, our Nation, and over the face of the whole earth.

Sincerely,

Your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

THE PARISH REGISTER

February, 1943 to May, 1943

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Fisher; Mrs. John Gamberone; Mrs. Thelma M. W. Brosius; Mrs. Jennie B. I. Marryott; Mrs. Mary J. G. Riley; William Edward Elwell; Percy W. Robinson; Mrs. Charlotte Witmer.

"We have fellowship one with another"

WEDDINGS: William H. Baitzel and Doris J. McCarrick; William B. Peck, Jr., and Gwendolyn L. Hambridge; Lane L. Yerkes and Eleanor L. Jaeger; Marshall Delph Earle and Margaret Gard Bowen.

"Those Whom God hath joined together"

BAPTISMS: William Edmund Forsyth; Richard Henry Leach; Patricia Marie Edwards; Doris Roberta Jennings; Frederick Elwood McClintock; Ruth Ann McLaughlin; Susan Elizabeth Basler; Eleanor Jane Callaway; James Harold Callaway; Howard Edward Cosgrove; Lester Charles Harris, Jr.; Anna May Hottenfeller; Victor Herbert Woolfall; Robert Warren Bingham; William Bingham; George Raymond Mosler; Bradley Millet Baile; Albert Edward Carol.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven".

BURIALS: John Woolfall; James McClintock; Louisa Andres; Mary Price; E. Pratt Woolard, M.D.; Anne Ogden; Elizabeth Feldmayer; Mary Tees; Edward P. Wise; Mary A. Ward; Christopher J. Griffiths; Mary McKnight; Pvt. Thomas J. Bailey; William Edward Woolard; Phoebe W. Childs; Abram Bleacher.

"May they rest in peace, and thy dwelling place in the Paradise of God".

RE-DECORATING SAINT JAMES'

You will be interested to know that to date \$638.47, have been presented in the Easter envelopes for the re-decoration of the interior of the Church. Two hundred and ninety envelopes were used in this offering. We consider this to be an excellent contribution on the part of the persons who used the envelopes. But is it a healthy state when less than one-half of the confirmed members respond to the plea for funds? There were 800 envelopes mailed in the March copy of the Parish family letter.

Let us take a few moments to consider what we have at St. James: Five and a half acres of ground, three large buildings and a garage, the whole of which probably exceeds \$400,000 in value. We have received this property as a trust from

those who have gone on to the larger life. There is not once cent of indebtedness on this property. It is ours to use, to cherish, to maintain. The Church is in need of re-conditioning. The pews need painting; the walls are in a shabby state; the flooring must be changed, the lighting needs to be modernized, the sanctuary needs to be enlarged slightly. The amount needed will be at least \$5000. To date about \$2200 are in the fund. We do not want to make a person-to-person solicitation. We much prefer to give you an envelope and say, "Here, won't you help us with a liberal contribution?" Give cheerfully and eagerly. St. James' is a great church, with a long history. We must build and beautify for a greater future.

An envelope is enclosed. We ask you to use it during the summer. Let every adult endeavor to accumulate at least \$2.50; every unemployed person and child at least one dollar. We hope that we may in this way secure \$1500 or \$2000. The intention of your Vestry Committee is to have all plans made, the funds available, and just as soon as conditions permit, to go ahead with the work. Do not fail us. Everyone take an interest in beautifying this historic House of Prayer.

Remember, please to bring the envelope on or before September 26, 1943. More envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church.

During the past year three former Vestrymen have been elected Honorary Members of the Vestry.

Mr. John Moore, who has served since 1905	
Mr. William Shaw " " " " 1906	
Mr. J. W. Anderson " " " " 1915	

These three members of St. James' have served a total of 102 years in the faithful discharge of their stewardship in Christ's Church.

The Boys and Girls of the Sunday School with their Teachers, presented \$400 for the Lenten Missionary Offering. That is a good showing. We congratulate all who helped with their contributions.....

The war has touched St. James' with a casualty. The following letter was received by Mrs. Maud Bailey, 6522 Elmwood Avenue:

War Department: The Adjutant General's Office
Washington: April 21, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Bailey: It is with profound regret that I confirm my telegram of April 17, 1943, announcing the death of your son, Private Thomas J. Bailey, Jr., as a result of enemy action in the North Atlantic on February 3, 1943. Your son was a passenger on a ship which was attacked shortly after midnight by an enemy submarine and sunk without warning.

J. W. Ulio, Major General - The Adjutant General.

Thomas was a communicant of St. James'. The sympathy of every one in the parish is extended to Mrs. Bailey. Tom will be missed by his many friends. Thomas's name has been inserted in the Register of the Parish under "Burials" with a part of the Adjutant General's letter to explain his death.

"May Light Perpetual Shine Upon Him".

Of interest to all persons who are associated with St. James' Church is a resolution passed by the Vestry on Monday, April 12, 1943. This resolution opens Section A. of the Cemetery for parishioners to obtain graves with perpetual care for \$50 each. (Other graves in the cemetery cost \$50. and perpetual care is an added charge). After December 31, 1943, the privilege will be extended to persons not necessarily members of the parish. Section A lies between the Church and a path parallel to Paschall Ave. and between the two paths nearest the Church running toward Paschall Ave. If you are interested in these graves, speak to the Sexton or to Mr. William K. Scott.

As the outcome of a discussion at the Congregational Meeting on Easter Tuesday, a Commission was appointed to seek and preserve historical material of interest and importance to the Parish. Miss Alice Makin, 7027 Greenway Ave., is the Convener. Other members are Miss May Urian, Miss Dorothy Meenen, Miss Caroline Gesner, Miss Mary Hunter and the Messrs. Percy Robinson and J. E. Wagner. The Committee will be pleased to receive anything of historic significance relating to St. James'.....

Has anyone a picture of the Chancel of St. James' when the Communion Rail was a circular, wooden affair that preceded the present one? Please let Mr. Gilbert know if you can lend him such a photograph.....

Sunday evening services will be continued at St. James' during the summer. Since we feel that the Organist and Choir should be given a respite from their regular duties, our music will be confined to the singing of hymns. For a part of the season, we shall need a pianist. WHO WILL VOLUNTEER?

Is any young man in the Parish willing to serve as a Scout Master? A group of boys signified their interest in having a troop. The committee can find no one to take over the responsibility.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
September, 1943

THE FAMILY PARISH LETTER

My Dear Friends:

After a refreshing holiday we are all preparing for the year's activities. May we believe and hope that during this next year our parish life is going to be strengthened in every way; we hope to see every parishioners regular in his worship; we hope that every communicant will experience a deepening of faith, and renewed consecration in Our Lord's service; we hope that many souls will find their way, by God's Grace, to God's House, to know therein Peace and Joy; we hope that our young men will begin returning to us, having won the Victory, and eager for peaceful pursuits among their loved ones and friends.

There are many other things we hope for on behalf of our Parish Life. May we be united in our expectation of a re-decorated Church. To that end let us labor, sacrifice and give. As your Pastor and Leader, I am depending on you, every one of you, to do your share in this project. Each of you has received a slot envelope for a summer offering. Over 800 were sent out. Do not fail to do your part. And when old St. James' is painted you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped.

In all things may you have implicit faith in God, and know the assurance of His abiding Presence.

Sincerely,

Your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

Mr. John Moore

On Saturday, August 7th, Mr. Gilbert officiated at the funeral of Mr. John Moore who had served St. James' Church as a vestryman for 38 years. In 1905 he became a member of the Vestry and served faithfully until the Spring of 1943, when because of his advanced years he resigned. He was thereupon elected an Honorary Vestryman.

An added note of interest is the fact that Mr. Moore had been confirmed in Ireland by Bishop Alexander who was the husband of Mrs. Cecil Francis Alexander, author of so many hymns familiar to Anglican Churchmen ("There is a Green Hill far Away", "Jesus Calls us o'er the Tumult", "Once in Royal David's City", et cetera).

All of us at St. James thank God for the fine example of Mr. Moore who was so faithful to the Church. We pray that he may be at peace in the place of Light and Joy, in the fellowship of God's Saints.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th - 11 A.M.

The day to bring in your offering for the Redecoration Fund. Don't fail St. James.

If you have mislaid your envelope there are others available in the Church vestibule. Be sure your name is on the envelope.

We are expecting over \$1000. We shall get it if you contribute. Remember - the last Sunday in September. Be present. Be a contributor to a good work!

SOME DATES AND OCCASIONS TO NOTE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 7:45 P.M. A Memorial Service at St. James' for Thomas J. A. Bailey, a member of St. James' whose life was lost on February 3, 1943, in the North Atlantic. The Scout Mother's Club of Troop 277, B.S.A. are presenting a Bible for use in the Pulpit as a memorial to Thomas.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 5 to 7:30 P.M. -- Oyster Supper in the Sparks Building. Given by the Ladies Guild. Tickets 65¢, Children 35¢.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th at Holy Trinity Church - in the evening. A Memorial Service for Bishop Taitt. For details watch the newspapers.

THE PARISH REGISTER

May, 1943 to September 9, 1943

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES' George William Truitt, from St. Peters'. Mrs. Florence G. S. Cooper from Grace Church, Merchantville, N.J. George P. Harned, from St. Luke's, Germantown. Edgar Hunter Ross, from Church of the Saviour. Martha Kinkaid Trout, from St. John the Evangelist's, Lansdowne. Mrs. Charles Smith, from St. Matthew's. Mrs. Florence E. Thomas, from Prince of Peace. Mrs. Florence Mae Conner, Prince of Peace. Mrs. Matilda F. Atchison from St. Mark's.

"We have fellowship one with another"

WEDDINGS: James Richard Hitze/berger and Rose Francis T. McCloskey; David Harvey Roberts and Elizabeth Virginia Scott; Horace Adolphus Jackson, Jr., and Emily Marie Lucy; Elmer Walter Gardner and Della Mae Howell; Kenneth Richard Meenen and Isabella Adams; Julius Halter and Mae Meehla Petzold; Henry W. Hoch and Anna May Warner.

"Those Whom God hath joined together"

BAPTISMS: James Thomas McKeon; Jay Harrison Ball; Gilbert Richard Bulley; Jon William Morris; Janice Ruth Phipps; Helen May Springer; Wayne LeRoy Doran; Robert William Edgar; Charlotte Ann Kuehner; May Ellen Roberts; Raymond Ammon Brosius; Barbara Ann Spencer.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven"

BURIALS: Eugenia S. Ryder; Letha A. Keifer; Claire Thayer; Joseph Davis; Eugene Peale; James B. Newlin; Ernest Rhodes; Mrs. Charlotte F. Pfaff; Anna E. Rickerson; John Moore; Mabel Brenzel; Elizabeth B. Brady; Elijah Loveridge; Anna Louise Richmond; William Barr.

The next Confirmation Class will meet immediately after the New Year. The Secretary of the Diocese has indicated Wednesday evening, May 24th, as the occasion for a Bishop to visit St. James'.

Sunday, October 3rd, is the occasion for all the Junior Sunday School Classes to advance to the next grade. At present our classes are graded through the 7th school year. The present 7th grade will become the 8th grade with Mr. Percy Robinson as the Instructor. The subject for the year's study will be "The Life of our Lord". We plan eventually to have the Sunday School graded at least through the tenth year.

The following books were placed in circulation months ago and the borrowers have not returned them: "Keys of the Kingdom" Cronin; "Forty Years a County Parson-" Gilbert. Other persons are interested in reading these books. Will the borrowers kindly replace them in the shelf.

Mr. Gilbert is planning a series of sermons for Sunday mornings during the Fall season, on the various articles in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. The first address will be on Sunday, October 3rd. At the Evening Services, there will be a series of expository addresses on St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians.

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The following was clipped from a Philadelphia newspaper: "While sitting in the movies on Sunday afternoon with my five year old daughter, there appeared on the screen part of a church service. "Mother", she asked, "is that a church?" When I replied "Yes", she said loudly, "Let's go to church sometime".

During the early summer the exterior of the Rectory was painted. The Church is now receiving a much needed coat of white paint. The Vestry has also let a contract for painting the roofs of the Church and the Sparks Building.

The Woman's United Thank Offering will be presented at a Service in St. Stephen's Church on September 28th. Those having the Blue Boxes kindly return them to Mrs. Anderson or Mrs. Baitzel.

School of Religion

Last spring Mr. Gilbert wrote to the Revd. Dr. Revel Howe, a member of the Faculty at the Divinity School, asking him to come to St. James for a series of addresses. Mr. Gilbert suggested as a topic, "Psychology and Religion". Dr. Howe is going to discuss the religious life, personal problems peculiar to contemporary social conditions, and the contribution that modern learning has to offer.

The dates are: Sundays, November 7, 14, and 21 - at 7:45 P.M. Check these dates on your calendar. The meetings promise to be of great interest. We hope to arrange the meetings so that there may be questions and discussions.

Dr. Howe has been Director of Clinical Training at the Divinity School. His wide experience as a student, pastor, instructor and pioneer in his special field gives us every assurance of an illuminating and stimulating series of talks.

Wednesday celebrations of the Holy Communion will be resumed on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels at 10:00 A.M.

A paragraph from Bishop Hart's article in a previous issue of the Church News is worth quoting: "The kind of Church we will have will depend upon the picture that we carry around in our heads of what we want the Church to be. Let us not spend our time in vain regrets over those who do not take an active part in the life and worship of any Church. Rather let us meet with new determination and fresh consecration the great opportunity which the Church has today".....

SAINT JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
March - 1944
The Family Parish Letter

My dear People:

This periodic letter has to take the place of my personal visit to you. I am only too well aware of the fact that I do not get into your home very often.

A few weeks ago I decided to keep a record of my activities for one week. My thought was to publish it as part of the letter just to let you see how many things your Rector does in seven days. But the list would have taken most of the space that is needed for other matters. In lieu of giving you that record may I assure you that my not calling is no indication of a lack of interest in you, nor indifference in an important pastoral function. The plain fact is that in a parish of this size it is impossible for a minister to do all the things that he ought to do. I am trusting that you will ever be patient if you feel that your Pastor is failing you. When you have a serious problem or need, please let me know. Such matters always come first on my schedule!

I know that we are all looking forward to a comforting and inspiring Season of Lent. May your worship, your devotion to Our Lord in His Holy Church make your life richer, fuller, more meaningful with each passing day.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES': Mrs. Beatrice Simpson Oldham from St. Luke's, Lebanon, Pa.

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WEDDINGS: Gerald Edwards and Ellen Forster Childs

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BAPTISMS: Stephen Robert Stewart, Arthur Madderson, Jr., Charles Schiffer Robinson, Jr.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God,
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BURIALS: James Clark, Shirley Oates, Anna Violet Cooper, John P. Harrison, William Vincent Gorman, J. Frank Dales, Joseph W. Jackson, Ernest G. Wright, Thomas Moore, Kate May Bair, Harry J. Smith, Elizabeth McKay Ginsberg.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling place in
the Paradise of God"

Ash Wednesday Services as follows:

10:00 A.M. Penitential Office and Holy Communion

4:00 P.M. Children's Service

8:00 P.M. Evening Prayer, Penitential Office and Sermon.

The Holy Communion is celebrated each Wednesday at 10:00 A.M.

The Children's Service each Wednesday at 4:00 P.M.

Holy Week and Easter Services will be listed in the weekly program distributed at the Sunday Services. Two occasions should be noted: Holy Baptism on Easter. Even Saturday, April 8th, at 4:00 P.M.; the Annual Congregational Meeting on Thursday, April 13th, at 8:00 P.M.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Singles, 3236 St. Vincent's Street, sympathize with them in the loss of their son, Charles Jr. Charles was aboard the U.S.S. Leary, sunk by enemy action off the east coast of North America. Mr. Singles, Sr., attended St. James' as a boy when he lived in Colwyn. During these years he has maintained his connection with this Church.

We are looking forward to having an Epiphany candle-light service next January. This service requires robes for the three Magi. Do you have cast-off draperies or such material that could be fashioned into robes? If so will you notify Miss Dorothy Meener, 6525 Regent St. (phone Belgrade 4117)

There are about 300 confirmed persons in St. James congregation who have not given any indication of having made their communion. If you have not already done so will you sign this paper and place in the offering, or mail to the Rector.

Name _____

Address _____

Approximate date when I last received the Holy Communion _____

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

During the Wednesday evenings in March we shall go to School. Instead of the usual mid-week evening service the following program has been arranged. All sessions are in the Sparks Building.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 1944 (7:45 P.M. to 9:15 P.M.)

First Period, 7:45 - 8:30 P.M.

1. The Life of Our Lord - Mr. George T. Davis, The Episcopal Academy
2. The History of the Christian Church - The Revd. Aaron Manderbach, Trinity Church, Collingdale
3. Learning and Living as Christians - Studies in the World Wide Work of the Church - Mrs. James C. Gilbert.

Second Period 8:35 - 9:15 P.M.

Personal Religion - A Series of Addresses - The Revd. J. Jarden Guenther.

In inviting these busy persons to prepare and offer these courses your Rector is relying on you to attend the classes. Let us have enthusiastic support of this educational program. A registration fee of 25¢ will be asked of all excepting high school students. Please register beforehand, after a Church service, or come early on Wednesday, March 2nd.

An envelope is enclosed. Your Easter offering will be devoted to the Parish Budget for such matters as the Vestry may decide are of immediate importance.

We are planning a day in which to receive clothing for the Greek War Relief. Wednesday, April 29, is the occasion. The Greek War Relief Association solicits especially the following: Men's overcoats, Men's suits, Men's underwear, Men's sweaters and woolen scarves, Women's overcoats, Women's dresses, blouses & skirts, Women's underwear, Women's sweaters & woolen scarves, Children under 5 - new garments, Children under 5 - used garments, Boys 5-16 - all clothes, Girls 5-16 - all clothes, Bedding, Linen, Shoes.

Will you pass this word on to your neighbors and friends. As the winter clothing is cast off and the Spring cleaning begun, lay aside all the articles that you can give for this great work. Even if the war should end tomorrow these Greek citizens would have to be provided with clothing. Chairman for this Committee in St. James' Parish is Mrs. Harry Bair, 6732 Woodland Avenue (phone Saratoga 2024).

In recent months the Vestry has received \$300 from the Ladies Guild toward the painting of the exterior of the Church, and the roofs on both buildings. The Church Guild contributed \$350 toward the redecoration fund which now totals approximately \$3500.

Did you read the weekly program for December 19th? Doubtless this item will interest you: ... "Last week brought a most generous gift to St. James. Mr. Clarence M. Brown, a Vestryman of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, presented St. James Church of Kingsessing a bond valued at \$1000. The Vestry has voted to use the bond to defray the costs of certain major repairs and improvements needed in the Sparks Building. Of course, our going ahead with these matters will depend on our being able to get the workmen and the materials. As a congregation we are grateful to Mr. Brown for this interest in us, and for his great generosity."

The War Commission envelope is enclosed in some letters to give those of you who have not contributed to this fund an opportunity to do so. The money is used to help Chaplains with the Armed Forces, and to maintain certain activities in the Diocese as, for instance, the Service Club at St. Stephen's. The day for this offering was February 13th. We shall be glad to receive your contribution within the next several weeks. St. James has 130 men with the colors. Let us do our share as a congregation. (More of these envelopes are in the Church vestibule. There are also slot envelopes available for those who choose to make a daily offering during Lent.)

There are still about twenty-five sets of envelopes not being used. If you do not already have a set will you arrange to take one and help in the maintenance of your parish. Phone the Rectory, or speak to one of the Ushers.

Members of the Sunday School are planning to have a Supper & Bazaar on ~~or about~~ April 13th. The purpose is two-fold: To augment the Mite Box offering, and to replenish certain Sunday School Funds. We are setting a goal of \$700 for the Mite Box offering. The various classes of the Sunday School will be assigned tables as follows:

- Fancy goods- All classes of girls up stairs. Mrs. Hollingsworth, ~~Chairman~~
Cake & other baked goods- 7th & 8th ^{9th} grades. ~~Mrs. Alice Wade~~
Candies- Classes of Miss Ethel Moore, ~~Mrs. Walter Lucy and Mr. Harry Price.~~
The White Elephant (sundry items that you have no further need of)- 4th, 5th
& 6th grades. Miss Emily Wagner, ~~Chairman.~~
Fish Pond- Primary Department up to 3rd grade.
Plants- Classes of Messrs. Wagner, ~~Herbert and Stevenson.~~

The supper will be under the direction of Mrs. Lunn and members of the Ladies Bible Class. During Lenten Season the boys and girls in all classes up to and including the 8th grade study a missionary topic. We are hoping to have an exhibition of their work at the Bazaar and Supper.

SAINT JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING

July - 1944

The Parish Family Letter

My dear People:

The matter closest to our hearts during these grievous days is the plight of our sons, brothers, friends who are facing the foe on many fronts in deadly combat.

We know only too well that many of them will die, many more will be wounded, and all will carry in their hearts and minds the awful remembrance of battle. We can do naught to relieve their sharp burden; naught but say our prayers with other Believers. And for what do we pray? First, that these men and boys, may by God's Grace be given high courage to do the task we have asked them to do, that is, to face the fire of the enemy. Second, that God may inspire them with constant faith, that no pain of death may cause them to turn away from their Creator. Third, that the dying may find assurance and joy as they pass through the Valley of the Shadow; that the wounded may be comforted and sustained in their pain. And for all who minister to these men, physicians, nurses, chaplains we ask God's guidance and strength. For ourselves we pray the spirit of sacrifice and gratitude. Certainly none of us can walk the paths of free men without a head bowed in humility and reverence as we think upon the cost of our privileges in this great land.

May God use and bless all of us as we join with the circle of Prayers over the face of the earth.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

A letter from Seaman 1/c William Auld in the Southwest Pacific:

"I've been receiving the news letter and Forward Day by Day for quite some time now. I wish to thank you very much. I enjoy the news sheet immensely. Forward Day by Day may be small in appearance but in help, it is very big.

"I have been overseas for fifteen monthes now and have covered just about all of the S.W. Pacific. Some places have been nice, others very active. I've had a thirty day rest in New Zealand. That is really a nice place. The people are really wonderful, they treat you like one of the family. Not just a select few but everyone. I really did enjoy myself. It is a memory I'll never forget. I am now in the Admiralty Islands and honestly believe this will be our last spot before we come back home. That is a beautiful place, home. You really don't know what you are missing till you have been thru a few tough times. It is something I would not trade nor would I like to go thru again.

"My younger brother Bob is in the S.W. Pacific and my older brother Jack is in Europe. I would appreciate it if you would offer a prayer for them and the millions of other fellows there and overseas.

"I hope I am still a member of your church and always your friend.

I remain - Bill".

Well, Bill, you certainly are still a member of St. James and we are proud to list you and the other fellows in our Parish Membership

THE REDECORATION OF ST. JAMES. At this writing the plasterer is preparing the walls for painting. Certain lighting fixtures have been removed. The mineralite flooring has been taken off under the pews, and the pine planks sanded, stained, and waxed. The mineralite flooring in the aisles and chancel has been sanded, stained and waxed. Forther work is needed on these sections, but it will await the final painting jobs. After the walls and ceiling are painted the Vestry will take up the matter of the pews. Work thus far contracted for is costing approximately \$2000. There is much yet to be done; a wooden circular sanctuary rail; alteration of the lighting system; the reredos over the Altar. Furthermore the pipe-organ must be re-placed as soon as possible. In order that we may keep right on making our improvements as men and material are available we are asking you to make an offering this Summer. Over 800 envelopes are being sent to our parishioners, one to each confirmed member. May we hope for an average of \$2.50 in each. That will give us \$2000. It is much easier for us to raise this money now in this way, than to have suppers and special drives two or three years hence when wage earners will prob bly have leaner pay envelopes. Let us do our share now, that the work may go on without hindrance. Let each of us regard this matter as his responsibility.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES'. Mrs. Augustus Knorr from St. Pauls, Elkins Park, Pa., Sidney Hicks from City Mission, John W. Needham from St. James' - 132 S. 22nd Street, Phila., Margaret F. Needham from St. James' - 132 S. 22nd St., Mrs. Helen Procter from Church of Atonement, 47th & Kingessing.

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WEDDINGS. Daniel Miller Yoder, Jr. and Dorothy Bertha Meenen, Bernard Wickersham and Helen Kathryn Swift, Howard Neil Stellpflug and Eleanor Mae Anderson, Russell S. Williamson and Lillian Russo, Paul Abraham Reed and Alice Ruth Trout.

"Those whom God hath joined together"

BAPTISMS. Walter William Carol, Leona Johnson Simpler, Regina Ann Belmont, Emily Louise Wolf, Robert John Ragar, Roy Cobb, Sr., Hibbard Gustave Gumpert, Lillian Jane Gumpert, Gail Frances Buckley, Marian Kathryn Miller, Robert William Farmer, William Wallace Perry, Wallace Edward Belcher III, Carol Ruth Patterson, Donald Kennedy Smith, Jr., Dennis Harry Warner, Ronald Albert Marino, James Harold Callaway, Jr., Janice Claire Park, and Nancy Helen Perry, James Harold Warner, James John Springer, Roland Burrows Van Gilder.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God,
and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven"

BURIALS? Mrs. Mary A. B. Thomas, Mrs. Isabella Ballentine, Lewis P. Adams, Florence N. Bailey, Ida V. H. Kelstrom, Frank Palmer, Joshua B. Reilly, John R. Schmehl, Jane Small, Minnie A. Miller, Sarah Schmehl, Robert J. Cripps, William H. Furness, Leon Fullmer, Frank Schwiendt, Sadie Haine, Samuel Baker, Sarah C. Dorning, William Lane Lewis, Alfred James Wade (U.S. Coast Guard), Nan Marie Corriston, Alexander Murrison, Genevieve Williams Bratton, Jabez B. Davis, Grace M. Thompson, Mina M. Kerslake, George S. Getchen, Virginia Smith (PFC, U.S. Army), Laura Glascoe, Frank D. Werts, Jr., Elizabeth G. Herd.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling place in
the Paradise of God"

CONFIRMATIONS. Richard Dunstan Christie (Pvt. U.S.A.), Gilbert Francis Fitzgerald (Petty Officer, U.S.N.), Mrs. Florence McCluskey Fitzgerald, Roy Cobb, Sr., Katharine Esther Custer, Horace Anderson Fleming, Mrs. Lillian Jane Gumpert, Hibbard Gustave Gumpert, George Parker Harned, John Carroll Hicky, Mrs. Anna Marie Holstein, Anna Marie Holstein, James Edward Jennings, Betty Jean Kille, Robert Louis Kirschner, John Edward Layer, Mrs. Edythe Mae Laird Lucy, Mrs. Evelyn Mae Macleod, Mrs. Evelyn A. Kloss Manderfield, Frances Rosetta McClaskey, Dorothy McKay, Donald Paul Myers, Lorraine Perry, William Wallace Perry, Mrs. Emma Louise Phipps, John Price, Mary Isabel Irene Ranken, Victor James Ray, Jr., Georgia Alberta Rickerson, Matt J. Rickerson, Elizabeth Ann Rickerson, Elizabeth Ruth Tustin, Jeannette Agnes Tustin.

"Wherein ----- I receive the strengthening gifts
of the Holy Spirit"

What an excellent offering the Sunday School members were able to make at the Mite Box Presentation Service at the Episcopal Academy, Sunday May 21st. St. James was 19th among the 200 schools reporting. Our amount was \$635.00; the entire figure about \$45,000. The Sunday School raised its sum by the Monthly Missionary Offering (pink envelope), the Mite Boxes, and the Bazaar and Supper. The Bazaar and Supper were a conspicuous success. The teachers have decided to conduct such an affair annually on the second Wednesday after.

The following sets of Envelopes are not identified. Will the persons who have them write their name and address and attach to an envelope, or give it to an usher, please: #461; 472; 473; 478; 479.

Many of the men in the Armed Forces have changed addresses. Will you keep us informed? Also, we do not have the names of some who have gone into military service. Please give us their names and addresses.

The Ladies Guild has given the Vestry \$350, which has been divided: \$200 for the Re-decoration Fund, \$150 for the Sparks Improvement Fund.

Do you have any old pictures or news notes about St. James? If so will you send them to Miss Mae Urian, 2248 S. 66th St. If you see anything in the newspapers, items of current affairs, pictures, cut them out and mail them to Miss Urian. She is keeping a book of such clippings.

Are you interested in a Week Day Bible Class? If so please give your name and address to either the Rector or Mrs. Estelle Lunn, 2642 S. Hobson Street.

On Saturday, June 10th, the members of the Daughters of the King made a pilgrimage to Immanuel Church, New Castle, Del. The Rector, the Revd. A. E. F. Anderson, recounted many items of historic interest. After a bit of sightseeing in the town the party had dinner in a local tea room. Mrs. Roberts graciously visited the Tea Room to greet her many friends from St. James.

The question is occasionally asked, "May anyone other than a Communicant of St. James purchase graves in the Church Yard?" Our response is that while St. James is not a competitor of commercial cemeteries it does sell graves to friends and local residents who desire to lie in a Church Yard consecrated for Christian Burial.

SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
6838 Woodland Ave., Phila., Pa.

October 15, 1944.

My dear People:

I have asked myself many times "What is it that enable the non-Roman Churches of this land to exert a superior influence for good citizenship?" We are not a regimented people, our children are under our Church's care only one hour per week. In contrast, members of the Roman Church are subject to rigid discipline, most of their children are in parochial schools. Yet the children of the parochial schools proportionately greatly outnumber the others in the juvenile courts. No informed person, regardless of his denominational loyalties questions this statement.

Why is it that the children of Non-Roman Christians maintain on the whole a higher standard of good-citizenship? Why, especially in face of the fact that their formal religious training is inadequate? My answer is this: A Roman Catholic parent leaves practically all of his child's religious and moral training to the Church. We Episcopalians, as other Non-Roman Christians, have to put the responsibility up to the parents. We are forced to say "We pastors and teachers can do little in one hour a week. It is up to you parents to instruct and guide your children." Thank God, most of you do accept the responsibility, and your children reflect your effort and devotion. Keep up the good work! Don't take it for granted that anyone else is giving your children the fundamental principles of Christian Discipleship. You see to that: teach them, read the Holy Scriptures and the Prayer Book with them, say your prayers with them, be with them in Services of Divine Worship, discuss the sermon with them, explain the hymns to them, make your Communion together! As long as parents do that we shall not worry about the spiritual and moral welfare of the children in Church families.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

Enclosed with this copy of the Parish family letter is a card which we ask you to use indicating your willingness to contribute to the support of St. James during 1945. Place the card in the offering by November 12th or if you prefer mail it to the Rector. We wish to do a minimum of visiting in this Annual Canvass, so kindly cooperate with us by turning your card in. If you mislay the card you will find others in the literature rack of the Church. Please do not delay. Do it now.

Note that there are two spaces to be used: one for our parish budget, the other for work outside our parish. If you have read about the way that Christian converts have helped out men in certain islands of the Southwest Pacific you will be more than eager to promise a liberal amount on the Red Side!

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES' Mrs. Rudolph Thies from Church of Holy Apostles, 21st & Christian Sts., - Mrs. Wm. Carlton Asher (nee Dorothy J. Thies) from Church of Holy Apostles, - William Carlton Asher, from Church of Holy Apostles.

"We have fellowship one with another"

WEDDINGS John Aston Woodcock and Elizabeth Margaret Colgan, William Norman Pigozzi and Helen Mae Meenen, Albert Edward Cochran and Viola Edith Thompson.

"Those whom God hath joined together"

BAPTISMS James Harold Warner, Anne Elizabeth McClure, Stephen Wayne Lohbrandt, Jr., and Estelle Mae Pidgeon.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God,
and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

BURIALS Rosalie Bourgeois, Rachel C. Gilchrist, Jennie Wallace, Emily G. Riley, John T. Kershaw, George W. Southard, Mary J. Stephens, Leona Bachman and William Norrgord.

"May their rest be in peace; and their
dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

Here is a counsellor's opinion as recorded in a recent issue of a Church periodical - "Before marriage a couple enter into a written agreement that their children shall be brought up in a certain religious faith. The husband refused to abide by the contract and insisted on bringing them up in his own religious faith. What can the mother gain by going to court?"

Answer:- "Such contracts as you have described are not enforceable in court. Parents have the joint custody of their own children, and the right to determine, from time to time their religious training."

The Episcopal Church has a School for training women for Church work. St. Faith's House, 419 West 110th St., New York City 25, N.Y. We are hoping that some of our parish-family will plan to prepare themselves as Missionaries, Parish-Workers, et cetera.

A recent resolution of the Vestry makes it necessary that a member of the Vestry authorize the loans of all parish property to individuals and organizations. If you wish the use of chairs and tables, consult Mr. William K. Scott, 6915 Theodore St., (phone Saratoga 2369). Kitchenware (tumblers, plates, cutlery, pans, etc.) will not be lent to anyone.

We have asked that the envelope for the improvement of the Church be returned by October 15th. Have you helped in this matter? To date 14 service men have sent cheques or money orders. Their contributions have been most liberal (an average of \$4.28 each- total \$60). One young man who had a job during the summer kept his tips for the fund. His envelope came in with \$6.00.

Speaking of giving. The Rector had one of the finest experiences in his ministry a few days ago. One of our young men who had taken a job during his Summer holiday (he attends school during the winter) handed the Rector an envelope as he left the morning service. Inside were \$30 with a brief note saying that the money was to be used at the Rector's discretion. This young man (16 years of age) believes in sharing his income with the Church for God's work! How all of us rejoice when we know that that sort of conviction and discipleship is flowering in our congregation.

When you can not come to the service of Divine Worship on Sunday morning because of illness or an extreme emergency we certainly do urge that you tune in your radio. There are two services of local Episcopal Churches: Holy Trinity (station WIP) St. Paul's, Elkins Park (station WIBG). Both are at 11 o'clock. If you listen in at other hours be discriminating. Many of the religious broadcasts are of a low standard. The ideas are those of fanatics, the content is usually a repetition of pious phrases, the hymns are noisy, and without real religious meaning. Against a confused mind and divided heart you will do well to use the radio for religion only when you know the program is sponsored by persons of accepted reputation.

How effectually certain persons become a part of a Parish family. Indeed it seems as if they had always been with us. This is certainly the case with our organist, Mr. J. Bennett Bradt. Mr. Bradt has been the organist and Choir director at St. James for 10 years. He has been devoted to his work, and always a good friend and associate to the members of the Choir. His helpfulness to your Rector during these three years has been a great comfort. All of us hope that Mr. Bradt will remain at St. James for many years. And we also hope that before very long he will have a better instrument to encourage him.

The Revd. Elmer Smith, ordained Deacon last November, will continue his Theological studies in the graduate school of Harvard University.

Following the lead of the World Council of Churches, St. James observed the World Wide Communion, Sunday on October 1st. At the 11 o'clock service 274 persons made their communion. The Young Peoples Fellowship received as a group. Since we plan this service for each first Sunday of October we suggest that all organizations make it an occasion for a Corporate Communion.

In some parishes the custom of Intinction is practised (dipping the consecrated wafer into the consecrated wine). We do not wish to have that practice at St. James. Persons who prefer not to receive the Chalice may make their communion in one kind. They may always indicate their preference by just touching their hand to the Chalice when it is presented.

Since our ambition is to create a colonial interior for St. James we have asked the Architect to make sketches for a fitting prayer desk and lectern. We wish the construction could be done by men of our parish. Who are the carpenters, cabinet makers, workers-in-wood who will offer their services? How happy it will make all of us to know that certain of our furnishings have been made by members of our congregation.

Persons who for any reason can not come to the Sanctuary to receive the Holy Communion may sit in the front pew where the clergy will administer to them. If such persons will speak to the ushers they will be assisted to the correct seat.

SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
6838 Woodland Ave., Phila., Pa.

December 15, 1944.

Dear Members of St. James:

Three years ago shortly after our occupying the Rectory at St. James my daughter, age 8, was invited to a party in the neighborhood. When she returned I asked her what games were played. "Oh", she said, "kissing games". Since that occasion practically every children's party she has attended has been the same sort of affair. This is a reflection on the good sense of the parents who sponsor these socials. Does the average parent have no better way of entertaining children than to start them, this early, in the business of mating? We are not prudes, but we are eager that our children have wholesome entertainment. There is an abundance of games to keep young minds happily occupied. May we rely on our Church families to set a standard, and furthermore, to refuse invitations where there is no assurance of healthful and wholesome amusement.

In this holiday season as we wish our loved ones and dearest friends "Merry Christmas" may we realize how important it is that the message of our Lord's Incarnation be expressed in our lives primarily through our devotion to His Holy Church.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

The Christmas Offering will be devoted to the fund for a Parish Visitor. Although we have been unable to engage anyone for this important work (visiting parishioners, especially among the Sunday School families) we are eager to have a reserve fund to draw on when there may be a need.

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BAPTISMS Carolyn Jane Asher, Joseph William Beel, Nancy Jane Edwards, John Alexander Moore, Charles Alan Engle, Leonora Roslyn Nelson, Joseph William Fretz, Jr., Carol Ann Fretz, Janice Ann Fitch, William Alexander McCauley, Donald Alan Stroud, Jeanne Ruth Stroud, Frances Paulette Hawkins, Russell Clifford Harbaugh.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God,
and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS John Edward Foley at St. Matthew's, Francisville.

"That he may be thine forever"

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES' From St. James', 52nd below Master Street, Samuel Shannon, From the Memorial of the Holy Comforter, 19th & Wharton Sts., Mrs. Mary Harbaugh, Miss Mae Harbaugh, Mr. Harry Marsh, Mrs. Edna Harbaugh Marsh, Robert Marsh, James J. Montgomery, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas Montgomery, Ida May Montgomery, Mary Montgomery, James J. Morrissey, Irene Mildred Morrissey, James Joseph Morrissey, Jr., Mrs. James Tartala, Dorothy Tartala, James Tartala, Jr., Mr. Victor Murray, Mrs. Victor Murray, Margaret Murray, Alice Murray, Frances Murray, Victor Murray, Jr., Samuel Murray, Mrs. Samuel Murray, Andrew T. Patterson, Mrs. Andrew T. Patterson, Stuart Patterson, Andrew Patterson, Jr., Wm. Cheadle, Mrs. Wm. Cheadle, Jr., Mrs. Emily Miller Harvey, Gilbert Harvey, Jr., Harry Victor Miller, Sarah Cheadle, Carl Johnson, Carl Johnson, Jr., Mrs. Margaret Johnson, Eleanor Louise Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Brannon; from St. James', 22nd & Walnut Sts., Mrs. Miriam Lillian Pearson.

"We have fellowship one with another."

WEDDINGS James Alexander Butler and Mary Ethel Pilgrim, Harry Otto Fessler and Virginia A. Gunsallus, Archie Earl West and Elizabeth Gertrude Harris.

"Those whom God hath joined together"

BURIALS Edwin P. Yerkes, Robert McKeon, Julius E. Gross, John J. Moore, Enoch William Whisman, Lucius B. Dugan, Robert Barclay Averell (killed in Germany), Joseph G. Deur, Sr., Margaret Lyle Curry, Kenneth Roberth, Theodore Bockius, John S. Sutton, Kate Wardell, Elizabeth M. Hunter, James P. Hain, Frank Terry, William Greer.

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SERVICES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Sunday, December 24th, 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon
7:45 P.M. Candle-light and Carol Service
Christmas Day, December 25th
7:00 A.M. Holy Communion
10:00 A.M. Holy Communion (Choral) and Sermon
Wednesday (St. John Evangelist) December 27th
10:00 A.M. Holy Communion
Sunday, December 31st 9:45 A.M. & 7:45 P.M. Christmas Pageant in the Parish House
The Sunday School Festivals
Wednesday 2:00 P.M. Primary Department through the third grade
Thursday Holy Innocents
7:30 P.M. The upper school from the 4th grade to the Ladies Guild class.
Members of the congregation are invited.

The Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday, January 7th at 4 P.M. All persons desirous of being presented to Bishop Hart on Sunday, May 6th, will please be present.

During January the Daughters of the King will solicit members of the Congregation to join in an Intercessory Prayer Group. Folders with special prayers for each day of the week will be distributed. The Intercessor will use the prayers privately. Subjects are (beginning Sunday), "Our Parish"; "Our Country"; "Families"; "Better Race Relations"; "Missions"; "The New World"; "Spiritual Growth and Progress". The folders will be distributed after services. May we depend on you to help in this work of Daily Prayer for Important Matters in the Kingdom?

Here is an excerpt from a really fine letter. The mother, a widow, goes to her work daily, maintaining a small home for her three children who are occasionally able to be with her. "Please bear with me for a while. Jack was confirmed today and the Bishop really had a good sermon. I enjoyed it very much. The Minister at that Church wrote to the College (Girard) and now Jack can come out to Church once a month. This is really what I want to tell you. I go once a month to Church with Pearl, once at Hershey with Billie, and now it will be once a month with Jack. That leaves me only one Sunday for my own Church. At times I wish I were four persons then I could attend my own Church every Sunday. (* at Ellis College)

A working mother who travels a distance every Sunday to go to Church, with her children, each of whom is in a different school! Well, those children will never forget the devotion and consecration of this Godly woman!

Someone objected to our sending envelopes appealing to the men in the Service for money. The men in the Armed Forces do get our Parish Family letter, but envelopes are never included in their mail. For that matter we never ask anyone to deprive himself of needed things to contribute to St. James. These contributions are always a voluntary matter, and no accounting is made of the givers.

Within the past month the Rector sent Chaplain Ward a small cheque from the Communion Alms to be used among patients at the Phila. General Hospital. Here is a report of Chaplain Ward's conspicuous work: "Last year I visited or contacted 7,898 patients; another 8,615 attended our Episcopal Chapel; held 163 services inside the Chapel; gave Holy Communion, one by one, to 1,195 bedside patients in the wards. Baptisms in 1943 totaled 632. (414 in 1942). A large number of these were adults. Each candidate, or sponsor, received a Prayer-Book and a Baptismal Card. Thorough "follow-up". Nothing nugatory. This year, 1944, the Baptisms have averaged 80 a month, except August."

Two flags have been presented to St. James to hang from the Gallery: The Flag of the Christian Church - presented by members of the Sunday School; The Episcopal Flag - presented by the Senior Young Peoples Fellowship. (Many of those originally interested in this are now in the Armed Forces). Several groups of Young People are planning to present a flag with the Diocesan Seal to be hung from the Gallery, also.

We cherish the hope that someday when battles are over, and more nearly normal ways of living, the experience of most of us, we shall have a landscape architect plan the beautification of St. James Church Yard. Against that time we should be cultivating typical colonial and native shrubs and trees. Perhaps some of you would be interested in conducting a nursery plot here in the Church Yard. If so, please speak to the Rector.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
July 1, 1945
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Some of you have attended services at which the matter of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund of the Episcopal Church has been presented. Briefly, this is the situation. Church property in Europe and Asia has been destroyed. Hospitals, Churches, and schools are in need of re-building and equipping. I wish each of you could see the pictures of what has happened in the Phillipines and China. The rebuilding in the Phillipines alone requires a fund of at least \$2,500,000!

Our Presiding Bishop Tucker says: "The task we have set for ourselves represents the greatest Christian challenge of our times. It will serve a two-fold purpose. It will offer to the clergy an opportunity to teach to all our people a deep appreciation of their responsibilities and opportunities in mission fields. Also, through the raising of a \$5,000,000 fund, it will enable the Church to do its part in providing a Christian foundation for a lasting peace".

At St. James' we are entering whole-heartedly into this campaign. We are letting our "Re-decoration Fund" wait for another year. Right now our job is to raise at least \$3500 by October 14th. If every one gives with a sacrificial and grateful spirit we shall over-subscribe this modest quota.

I can not write my personal feeling into this appeal in a sufficiently effective way. I do wish to say that every member of this congregation who realizes how deeply we have been blessed in this land; saved from the ravages of an enemy's weapons, will want to make a most liberal offering in Thanksgiving to Almighty God. I make bold to suggest that some envelopes will be turned in with \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00 in them. An average of \$10.00 each will be no hardship. Let us prayerfully, and in the spirit of Christian Sacrifice, determine to do our utmost to make our expectation by October 14th. Incidentally, you may turn in your envelope at any time convenient to you.

With every wish for a happy and comfortable Summer, I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

P.S. We are breaking our previous procedure by including an envelope for men in the Service. We believe that they, too, will wish to participate in this offering.

There is great need for women workers in the Church; missionaries, nurses, parish visitors, deaconesses. If you believe that you have the necessary education to enable you to qualify for further training, and if you have an earnest urge to give your life to such activity - write or speak to the Rector.

On Sunday, May 13th, the Cross was carried in the Procession. This cross was lent to us following the closing of the Church of the Holy Comforter. The Crucifer was Mr. Andrew T. Patterson, who had carried the same cross years before in his former parish. Mr. Patterson is instructing some of the boys to be crucifers.

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BAPTISMS: Carole Joan Market, Gilbert Francis Fitzgerald, Jr., Margaret Ruth Helfer, Clifford Charles Seran, Raymond Floyd Farmer, Antoinette Dolores Hauf, Carol Ann Smith, William Calvin Stinger, Janice Ruth Nauss, Ernest Nebinger Parsons, John Bryant Springer, Jacqueline Marie Springer, LeRoy George Glinsky, Julia Ann Didden, Charles Didden Weir, Jr., Robert Edward Raith, Joyce Mae Kling.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES': From Holy Sacrament Church, Highland Park, Upper Darby, Edna Bergeman Bystrom, From Holy Apostles and The Mediator, 51st & Spruce Sts., Mrs. Robert Hamilton, From All Saints' Church, Darby, William Thompson, Mr. William Thompson, Mrs. Viola T. Cochran, from St. Stephen's Church, 10th above Chestnut St., William Elwell.

"We have fellowship one with another"

CONFIRMATIONS: Alice Jane Atchison, George Raymond Bahl, Adele Irene McCullough Ball, Robert Joseph Barnes, Charles Louis Bartberger, Helen Marie Tritinger Bartberger, Elmira Adele Drinkwater Buccilli, Elsie Hunter Carlin, Lillian Pearl Cobb, Ethel Gwendolyn Davidson, Elsbeth May Drake, Helen Jean Dugan, Gloria May George, James Albert Gibson, Mrs. Helen Wardell Holder, James Hood, Raymond Robert Hood, Margaret Anna Hubert, Harry Edward MacNeil, Dorothy May McCandless, Dorothy Mandos, Alma Drinkwater Pearson, Anna Lillian Pearson, John Joseph Pearson, Jane Audry Perkind, Oliver Francis Rhine, Ruth Anna Rossiter, Charles Smith, Elizabeth Immendorf Smith, Angelina Rita D'Angostino Stinger, William Calvin Stinger, Joan Harriet Weidman, George Joseph Willoughby, Robert William Willoughby, John Rober Wilson, Jane Charis Gilbert.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit"

MARRIAGES: Henry Carl Maurer and Edith Elizabeth Kelleher, John Julian Young and Katherine Jeannette Everly, Edgar Hunter Ross, Jr., and Mildred Irene Brooks, Leroy Raymond Gates and Elsie Foster Mitchell, Maxwell Franklin Loving and Agnes Louise Dreyer

"Whome God hath joined together"

BURIALS : William H. Moss, James Henry Ditch, John A. Hawthorne, Edna M. Dunlevy, Robert E. Moore, Elizabeth Spearman, Mary A. Scott, Emma Fink, Sarah England, Mrs. Mary Allison Heap, Harold Spicer, 1st Lieut., Air Corps, killed in action, May Y. Bewley, C. Benjamin Colflesh, Adelo Kyle, Jacob K. Ulrick, Dr. William Hammond, Eleanor Jane McNaul, Samuel Ruckstool, Frank B. Gillen, Mary Myers, Elizabeth E. Martin, Milphred S. Goodyear, Caroline O. Gesner, Walter Hansell, Mabel V. Shannon, John Currinder, Lloyd McKay, Walter A. Everly, and Edward Kerling.

"May their rest bi in peace; and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

In addition to paying what the Diocese requires of us against the Missionary program of the Church the Vestry sends funds to various organizations in the name of the Church. A glance at last years' figures show that we help four clergymen, contributed \$100.00 to the Seminaries, and aided eleven other worthy causes including a Settlement House for Negroes, a Home in Arizona, a Church in Hawaii. The total paid by the Accounting Warden in the Benevolence account was \$2992.22. This, of course, does not include the special contributions made by the Sunday School and the Guilds. Missionary giving is the sign of a parish that is really in earnest about spreading Christ's Kingdom. We are hopeful that our people will continue to remember the Red Side of their envelopes.

People sometimes carry the impression that pews are reserved in St. James'. Will you tell your neighbors and friends who may be interested that every pew in this Church is free. (The rented pews are nominally assigned in the gallery).

Organization officers are cautioned about planning for entertainments in the Parish House. Where a charge is made, a permit must be secured at City Hall and a tax paid. Consult the Rector about this matter.

There are persons who sit in the pews of St. James who have not learned the Art of Silence. If anything is distracting to worshippers it is the chattering of thoughtless people. From the moment that we enter the Church our minds should be centered in God. -

"FRIEND, you enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and local men, who, in the name of Jesus Christ, builded this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praises. Beseech His blessings on those who love this home of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your going out and on your coming in.

(from a 12th Century Church in Boldre, Hampshire, England)

We have previously written about the undesirable business of intermarriage among Roman Catholics and non-Romanists. We resent the intolerance of the Roman Church, and its stigmatizing of marriages contracted by Roman Catholics with fellow Christians before clergymen of other denominations. We fail to understand the ethical standards of young men, Roman Catholics, who court girls not of their own faith, only to inform them later that the marriage must be solemnized by a Roman priest which means the signing of agreements about children. Furthermore, we are apprehensive of the success of such marriages. Recently careful statistical research has emphasized the dangers in mixed marriages.

The Maryland study, reported in the book, "Youth Tell Their Story", published by the American Council on Education, with Howard M. Bell as author, gives startling insight into the results of such unions. In this study about 12,000 young men and women whose religious connections were known were asked whether their parents were living together or whether the home was broken by divorce, desertion or separation. The returns were revealing. It was found that where both parents were Roman Catholic 6.4% of the homes were broken. Where both were Protestant 6.8% were broken. BUT OF MIXED MARRIAGES 15.2% WERE BROKEN. Catholic and Protestant homes did not differ much in domestic breakdown, but MIXED MARRIAGES SHOWED MORE THAN TWICE THE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC DISASTERS. Of non-religious homes 16.7 per cent were broken. As all these facts were reported by young people, childless marriages were automatically excluded from the study. These always show a higher percentage of domestic disaster than do marriages where there are children.

Do you think we need a Golden Age Club in this community, an organization for men and women who are retired? Think it over. Later on we shall study the field and perhaps, plan such a group to meet in the Parish House.

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
December 1, 1945
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

All of us eagerly follow the news day by day to learn how well the Peace is proceeding. To be sure it is not always a heartening report. Among the Victors each nation is suspicious of the other. Each appears to be primarily concerned with its own rights, and security, and future prosperity. It seems almost impossible to find common ground for agreement.

Within our own United States the scene is disturbed and unpleasant. The wage disputes, and the threatened disruption of our economy with inflation, make us wish that men would "walk in brotherliness, and reason together."

Those of us who are Christians believe that the answer to these attitudes of suspicion, cupidity, discord, and threatening violence lies in the conversion of our race to our Lord, Jesus Christ. That is why we are so eager that the Church shall prosper in every land, in every community from coast to coast.

At Christmas time when we are remembering the Birthday of our Lord in festival and prayer, may we know that it is our privilege to send forth emissaries in the name of the Church to declare Christ to men everywhere. In Him alone is Peace. The generations that follow need not know our anxieties if we Christians today do what we can to proclaim the Gospel. I am sure that our Christmas will be a blessed one if in our celebration of the Nativity we ask God to quicken us with a sense of opportunity and privilege and responsibility in His Name.

May God grant you His richest blessing during this Holy Season.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

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BAPTISMS: Bruce William Pigozzi, Suzanne Evelyn Dowden, Sandra Ann Wiedman, John DeHart, Jr., Charles Lyle Binkowski, Alice Vivian Kraft, Janis Lynn Vance, Reid Mitchell Suplee, Elizabeth Jaynie Cramp, Charles Edward Bartberger, John Walter Allen, John Clifford Batty, Robert James Burns, Linda Jean Johnston, Warren Anthony Menowisch, Jr., Joanna Mae Rothermel, Norman Elliott Kidwell, Jr., James Edward Matsuk, Laura Gladys Estell, William Charles Hood, and Isabella Helen Smith, Edward Weir Fulton.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child
of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES': From St. James', 132 S. 22nd St., Phila., Joseph M. Kelleher, Florence Needham Kelleher, Edith Kelleher Maurer, Ada Ashton Needham, Jr., Mildred Lowers Needham, From Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22nd & Morris Sts., Dorothy E. MacNeil, From Church of the Redemption, 56th & Market Sts., Charlotte Morse Stinger, From Church of St. Clement, Phila., Robert Patrick Varley, From St. James', 202 S. 19th St., Margaret Dowdon, Estelle Greenleaf Kraft, From All Saints, Moyamensing, Florence Mae Taylor, Viola Pearce MacNeil, From Prince of Peace Chapel, Ruth Morrow Marker.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: John William Leidy and Margaret Viola Fleming, John Robert Colgan and Olive Mae Wade, Charles Singley and Jennie Cummings Williamson, Warren G. Goforth and Edith Grace Fuller.

"Whom God hath joined together"

BURIALS: Olga Loomis, Charles Harrison, Nora S. Maull, Ettie Hayman, Marshall Ernest Miller, Alice Saunders, Frank Tribit, Mary E. Parry, Elisabeth R. Connell, Charles J. Bramble, Irma G. Gardner, Timothy White, Josephine Blyler, Abraham L. Cooper, Caroline E. Britton, Sarah Blitchford, Marion Livingston Pecke, Catherine Hawthorne, James T. McCullough and Anna Jane Egee.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling
place in the Paradise of God."

What do you prefer for the Wednesday Evenings of Lent? During 1945 we had services in the Church with a sermon each night. In 1944 we had a School of Religion with a session in a class room followed by a Chaplain's hour. If you have a preference, or an aversion, express it vocally or in writing to the Rector as soon as possible. We must shortly plan our program.

If you desire a set of envelopes for your weekly contribution to St. James' notify the usher at any service, or call the Rectory.

A short time ago one of our mothers showed the Rector a copy of her son's record "Combat action I have participated in against the Enemy" commencing on September 1, 1943 at Marcus Island and continuing until August 10, 1945. This young man was in 111 engagements. He was aboard the U.S.S. Independence.

Concluding the list of engagements is this note: "War Over Wednesday, August 15, 1945. Western Pacific Date. Our Position at the time: 156 miles from Tokyo at 0800 34 degrees 04.4 minutes. North 142 degrees, 11.9 minutes East."

The U.S.S. Independence entered the Pacific for the premier of carrier warfare and after many long, bloody months of battle with the enemy, as well as weathering many disastrous typhoons was on hand for the grand finale. The show is over; she like many other carriers helped pave the way to a glorious victory and (with the help of God) everlasting peace. Amen.

One of our very active communicants, Mr. Andrew T. Patterson, wears a cross given him by the Bishop of Rochester for outstanding work. As a lay-reader Mr. Patterson has assisted during his vacations for ten years in the missionary work of that Diocese.

At this writing the Reconstruction and Advance Fund totals \$2329.00. Our goal is \$3500. 252 envelopes have been turned in. About 1000 were sent out. Do you recall the pictures of the devastation in the Phillipines? Do you remember that last summer we asked each person to try to give \$10. as an expression of gratitude to God for Victory and Peace? Have you made your offering? Will you do so during January? Surely among the 750 persons yet to be reported we can raise the \$1150 we need. Use any envelope. Inscribed your name and address. Feel that it is a privilege to help your Church build or repair schools, hospitals, missions. We must not fail. If we attain our objective, we shall not need to make a house-to-house solicitation.

On October first, Miss Hilda Havens of the Church Army came to St. James as the Parish Visitor. Miss Havens is a native of Rochester, N.Y. Following her training in Church Army she has occupied positions in various missions; principally in Warren County, N.J., and Chattanooga, Tenn. Miss Havens has already visited some Sunday School and Font Roll members. Presently she will be able to call on many others of our Parish family.

Because of the great number of changed addresses we are not sending mail to the men in the Armed Forces. A large proportion of our letters have recently been returned. Will you send a copy of this letter to anyone whom you think is interested. Other copies are available on the Literature Table. We know the boys are glad to get these leaflets.

Contributors to the Communion Alms Fund will be interested to not that recently we have used money in the amount of \$103.85 as follows: Chaplain's Fund, Philadelphia General Hospital. To pay a food and milk bill. Contribution to a Leper Colony. Contribution to a Bishop in Greece for his people. Contribution to a Settlement House in Philadelphia.

12 Communion Alms envelopes are in the jackets provided, for the support of the Parish. An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas offering. This offering is devoted by the Vestry to the maintenance of the Parish Visitor.

On Sunday morning, March 17, 1946, Bishop Remington will be at St. James Church for Confirmation. Preparatory classes will begin:

1. For Senior High School students and Adults on Thursday, January 3rd at 8 P.M., in the Sparks Building.
2. For Intermediate and Junior High School students on Sunday, December 30th, at 4 P.M., in the Sparks Building.

Persons interested in being presented for confirmation will attend at either of these sessions. If one has any questions kindly consult the Rector or Miss Havens. Anyone may attend the classes as an interested visitor.

During the past summer several members of the Young Peoples' Fellowship painted the iron fence enclosing the Church Yard. These young men have done an excellent piece of work, scraping the fence, applying one coat of red lead, and two coats of black fence paint. There are over 1200 feet of this fencing. The cost: a little over \$500.00.

All of the 400 pew hymnals have been reserved as memorials. While we are on the subject of the hymnals two suggestions of Mr. Bradt are timely: 1.- When the Choir stands for hymns or canticles, the Te Deum et cetera, the congregation will rise with them. Heretofore there has been a tendency to wait until the singing was about to commence. 2.- In the Service of the Holy Communion the Congregation will join the choir in singing the Kyrie, Sanctus, et cetera. The hymnal tunes will be noted on the programs.

Last Spring St. James sponsored a Fellowship of Daily Intercessors. The prayers were composed or edited by members of the Daughters of the King. One of the prayers has been used in part by the Parish Printery for a Christmas Bulletin. We think this is a compliment to the work of those who edited our leaflet.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING

March 15, 1946

THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Each time that I instruct a class for Confirmation I am reminded of the section of the Offices of Instruction which reads: "My bounden duty is to follow Christ, to worship God every Sunday in his Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of His Kingdom". Certainly this should impress upon all of us that being a Christian does involve duties. For instance, as a Christian one must love persons whom he may not like! Of immediate concern is the matter of our duty to participate in public worship on the Lord's Day. Many persons regard worship as a matter of whim. But the Church says that as a member of the body of Christ it is my duty to worship God every Sunday in His Church. Failing to participate in worship is failing in my duty to my Creator. Certainly that is a matter for everyone of us to ponder seriously.

The greatest problem of this branch of Christ's Church is the irregularity of so many members in their attendance at Divine Worship. When a minister plans a series of instructions, how unfruitful are his efforts if these instructions are reaching only a portion of his people each Sunday. There is nothing that we need in the Church so much as Church-going congregations! I wish that St. James might set a standard in this.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

During the past month the walls and ceilings of the Guild Room have been painted and new fixtures installed. Other improvements are planned. The exterior of the Sparks Building will be painted as soon as the weather permits. We have had a fund to take care of these proposed improvements. This fund was increased at Christmas time through the generosity of a friend of the parish. Mr. Clarence M. Brown, a vestryman of St. Paul's Church in Chestnut Hill, presented this church with two bonds. These bonds have an approximate value of \$1500. and the vestry will dispose of them in due time as monies are needed. It is also proposed to add an auxiliary heating unit for our comfort in the Sparks Building.

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Easter Tuesday in the Sparks Building. Of special interest will be a report by the Vestry Committee on the proposed new Charter. Miss Mae Corrison was elected last year to preside at this meeting.

Mr. John Dull is painting in water colors the pictures of the several Old Swedes Churches. These pictures will be hung in St. James Church as part of our re-decoration program.

On Wednesday, May 1st, the members of the Sunday School will have their annual Supper and Bazaar. All of the proceeds this year will go for the work of the missions of the church.

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BAPTISMS: Elizabeth Theresa Rechner, John Wiley Fletcher, Jesse Marlyn Pearson, John Julian Young, Caroline Barbara Schuster, Richard David Bruce, Jane Catherine Elliott, Lily Carol Forde, George Edward Horner, John Lewis Cook, Jr., Diana Elaine Rogers, Lane Hamilton Yerkes.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Estelle Greenleaf Kraft from St. James, 202 S. 19th Street. Viola Pearce MacNeil from All Saint's, Moyamensing. Miss Catherine Chandler, Mrs. Cecelia Casey, John Joseph McMullin, Mrs. Alice McMullin from St. James, 22nd and Walnut Sts. Mrs. Sarah E. DeGrasse Gormand from Church of St. Titus, 84th & Tinticum Streets. Mrs. Adele Coriell, Miss Martha Virginia Coriell from St. Michaels Chapel, Yeadon, Penna.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: William John Colgan and Lorraine Perry; William Smith Palmer, Jr., and Jean Langone LaBriola; Salvatore J. Consolo and Gloria R. Burke; Frank Krauss Coates and Natalie Elizabeth Glass; Edward George White and Phyllis Talbot Owens; Carl Conrad Stollte and Edith Alberta Worrell; Maurice Hughes Tyman and Jeanne Dolores Hilgrove.

"Whom God hath joined together".

BURIALS: Wilbut E. Maxwell, Anna (Boyd) Walker, Joseph K. Barbee, Sophie Batchelor, William Mott, Warren P. Hall, James Morton Neely, Anna Leicht, Caroline M. Makin, Marietta Troupe Bradley and Graham Cox Woodward.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God".

On Tuesday, February 5th, members of the Chancel Guild honored their retiring director, Mrs. J. W. Anderson. Mrs. Anderson has served as director of the Guild for 21 years, having been first appointed by Mr. Gilbertson in 1925. The members presented Mrs. Anderson with a combined Prayer Book and Hymnal. Mrs. William Cumming has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Anderson in this most important work.

There are many War Brides arriving in the United States. Doubtless a great number of these are Anglicans: members of the Church of England, Church of Ireland, Episcopal Church in Scotland, Australia, et cetera. If you know of any such newcomers in your neighborhood, will you welcome them to St. James. The Rector will also appreciate getting the name and address so that either he or Miss Havens may call.

Have you signed a Communicant's slip? It may be that you have failed to do so during the time in which the present rector has been at St. James. That means that your name is therefore not on our Communicant list. Please take care of this matter. Fill out a slip thus: Name.... Address... I last received the Holy Communion at....(church)... on....(date)..... There are over two hundred confirmed members of St. James who have not signed such a statement. It is only by their doing so that the rector can know of their status.

These figures may interest you. Last year there were recorded in the Register of St. James Church - 51 Baptisms, 36 Confirmations, 11 Marriages, and 61 Burials.

The enclosed envelope is for your Easter Offering. This money will be used for the current expenses of the parish.

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church will meet in Philadelphia during September. Bishop Cross of Spokane, Washington, who attended this church as a young man, has promised to come to St. James' on September 15th to be the preacher. We trust that all who remember him will tell others, and that a large congregation will be present to greet him in his old parish.

On Good Friday, as part of our 3-hour devotion, the choir will sing again - Stainer's "The Crucifixion". The time of this part of the service is 1:30.

As a congregation we agreed to send \$3500. to the reconstruction fund of the Episcopal Church. The Accounting Warden reports that he was able to send exactly that amount during February. We wish to take this occasion to thank all who in a spirit of generosity and gratitude contributed to this fund.

Mr. Daniel Miller is completing 10 years of service as the Sexton at St. James. Mr. Miller has been devoted to the parish and has been efficient in his work. We are all trusting that he will continue to be part of our parish life for many years to come.

On January 25th (The Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul), Mr. Frank K. McNaul, Jr., was ordained Deacon in Trinity Cathedral in Easton, Maryland. Mr. McNaul was active for many years in the affairs of this parish. He numbers many friends among the members of the congregation. The Right Reverend William McClelland ordained Mr. McNaul. Mr. Gilbert presented him for ordination, and the Rev. Elmer J. Smith, another St. James' boy, was the preacher. Mr. McNaul will remain in Wisconsin for another year to continue his studies.

During the past year the volume on the Life of Nicholas Colin was borrowed from the Rector. Nicholas Colin was for many years, at the close of the 18th Century, the minister in charge of the Swedish Parishes (Gloria Dei, St. James', Christ Church, Upper Merion). This book is a valued volume. Perhaps the borrower has thoughtlessly laid it aside. We trust that this note will be a reminder and that the Biography will be returned shortly.

The work of St. James' Sunday School progresses satisfactorily. The attendance and promptness of the pupils is our major problem. The responsibility in this matter rests entirely upon the parents. We solicit your interest and cooperation in maintaining a high record for your children's attendance. ... The teachers in the Sunday School are devoted and give considerable of their time to their classes. Once a month they have a meeting when the methods and materials of Christian Education are discussed. The school is graded through the tenth grade. An effort is made to give children courses that will familiarize them with the Christian religion in its many aspects. There are courses in The Life of Our Lord, The Old Testament, The History of the Christian Church, Personal Religion, The Church and the Community. In addition there are units of work to acquaint children with the missionary activities of the Episcopal Church. We make an effort to provide each grade with a separate room and with the best available material for their topic. Certainly the interest and effort that are manifested by the Sunday School Staff merit the enthusiastic support of parents. Of course, any child desirous of attending is welcome.

to help the Church in its program for the care of unfortunate American children at home? Various agencies are eager to find families that will welcome children into their circle. If you are interested speak with the Rector and he will get in touch with the agency that supervises the younger children or teen-agers.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
June 15, 1946
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Everyone is rejoicing that Peace has brought new hope to all men. Yes, thank God, even to our former adversaries. It is a source of satisfaction that so few persons among us carry an attitude of grudge or hatred. People do realize that suspicion and vengefulness never will set matters straight on this Earth. The Nations have learned that lesson out of bitter experience. So our Lord in His pleading for love and mercy, for the Spirit of peace-making and brotherhood is vindicated! And the Church of our Lord is therefore more and more aware of the necessity of taking the Gospel to all men, everywhere. What an opportunity we have in these days of need. How wonderful that there is the Church to minister to both the physical and spiritual welfare of mankind. What a privilege you and I have in sharing in the mission of the Church.

Sometimes one gets to thinking of the far distant time when all the Nations shall be gathered unto our Lord, when God shall be "all in all". And one says to himself "I think there will be no satisfaction quite so great as knowing that I had a little part in doing God's work, in making it possible for somebody to learn about "The Kingdom".

I trust that everyone of us at St. James' is realizing increasingly how greatly our Lord is depending on each of us to hold this vision, and to carry out the command to "teach all nations".

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

Mr. William G. Humas, 6435 Dickens Avenue, has been appointed Chairman of a Committee to arrange a fitting program in honor of the St. James' members who are veterans of World War II. The tentative date is Wednesday, October 23rd.

"To beautify the place of my sanctuary". Isaiah 60:13

The Vestry has authorized another appeal for the Re-decoration Fund. Part of your contribution this year will be used for a Lectern (the stand on which the Holy Scriptures are placed for reading in the services of public worship). It is our intention to dedicate this Lectern as a memorial to the six members of St. James' congregation who died while in the service of our nation during World War II. The names: Thomas J. Bailey Virginia Smith James H. Callaway
Harold Spicer William H. Morrison Alfred J. Wade
will be inscribed on a plate to be attached to the Lectern. (The suggestion has been made that we include also those who lost their lives in World War I.) A fitting literature rack will be placed in the Vestibule to honor all of St. James' congregation who served in the Armed Forces. We are confident that you will support this plan liberally.

We can not say just how much these will cost. Any balance in what you contribute will be added to the present monies against further expenditures (carpet for the aisles, improving the lighting facilities, et cetera). Return your envelope on or before October 13, 1946.

THE PARISH REGISTER
March 1st to June 1st, 1946

BAPTISMS: Mrs. Sarah Alexander (Stevenson) Diffin, Robert William Desabaye, Robert Bruno Alleva, Barbara Ann Conlin, Gilbert Ray Dowden, Robert Lewis Manderfield, Roger Allan Snow, Patricia Anne Snow, Evelyn Louise Snow, Hugh Chekemian, Jr., Bette Mae Snyder, Percy Winfield Logan, III, Margaret Louise Atkins, James Royal Andrews, Dolores Ann Springer.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES': Eleanor Sweeney from Chapel of the Prince of Peace Church, Margaret E. Woehr Engle from St. Mary's, Clementon, N.J., Mildred Lock from All Saint's, Darby, and Alva B. Cavill from St. Barnabas.

"We have fellowship one with another".

MARRIAGES: William David Morrow and Ruth Irene Lucas; Edward James Francis Ward and Jean Alice Williamson; John Francis McSherry and Emma Levina (McLeod) Dove; Wilfred Drew Chapman, Jr. and Emily Clara Wagner; Albert J. Lynch and Jeanne B. Adams; John Arthur McKinney and Beryl Ivy Shipley; John Horatio Haas, Jr. and Louise Powell Willard; Merle Hocking McElrath, Jr. and Helen Elsie Ayres; Warren Frederick Young

and Claire Edna Smith; Bernard William Miller and Verna Louise Cosgrove; William Henry Grubb, Jr. and Edythe Elizabeth Webb; Harold Edward Castor and Estelle Marie Smith.

"Whom God hath joined together".

CONFIRMATIONS: Carol Frances Bouvier, Joan Barbara Bulley, Roy Cobb, Edward John Desabaye, Edward Wilson Diffin, Mrs. Sarah A. Diffin, Elmer Albert Frank, Margaret Ellen Gormand, William Richard Gormand, Helen May Haenn, (Mrs.) Christina (Pfeil) Hitchner, Janet Ethel Hughs, Dorothy Louise Kunder, Elizabeth Sarah McClung, Marie Edna McCurdy, (Mrs.) Emma L. (McLeod) McSherry, Doris Elaine Montgomery, Gertrude Alison Murrison, John Waddington Needham, Dolores Mae O'Mara, Frances Elizabeth Patton, Michael Henry Rawlings, Dolores Marie Robinson, Robert John Scott, Mary Voorhees Sherrer, Catharine Helena Smith, Earl Osgood Snyder, Jr., Earl Osgood Snyder, Sr., Florence Elizabeth Snyder, James Clements Stankiewicz, Dorothy Mae Warrington, Daniel Miller Yoder, Jr., John Julian Young.

BURIALS: Francis Fiedler, Harry Hoffmeister, Mary Ellen (Stott) Urian, James Murray, Philip S. Sutton, Joseph L. D. Smith, Arthur G. Sergeson, Elizabeth Greenwood, Ernest G. Oswald, Anna May Urian, and Harry Shaffer.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God".

The proceeds from the Sunday School Bazaar and Supper will exceed \$450. At this writing \$440.08 have been given to the Accounting Warden, Mr. P. John Moore, for these two purposes: The Mite Box Offering, and the Reconstruction and Advance Fund. The former is \$800. for the year 1946. The latter now totals \$3725.04 (Contributions may still be made to this worthy cause. We are hopeful that this figure will mount to \$4000.)

Occasionally there are persons who render unusual service in the life of a congregation. Such a one was Miss Anna May Urian who on May 20th passed to the greater life. (Her ancestors were early Swedish settlers: the family Yoryen). Several years ago the Rector asked her to serve on the committee to assemble and organize available material regarding the history of St. James'. In collaboration with other Miss Urian labored tirelessly. She sought out records wherever they were available. With one other member of the committee she read through all the old minute books. She procured copies of pictures of the former pastors of this congregation and arranged for their reproduction and uniform framing. When the new pew hymnals were received she inscribed every book-plate and inserted it inside the front cover. In her death St. James' has lost a conspicuous member.

No sentiment is more fitting than that verse of the hymn imprinted on the book-plates she so carefully labored over.

"For all the Saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!"

The 55th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will meet in Philadelphia September 10-20. The House of Bishops, will meet in Houston Hall, The House of Deputies (Clerical and Lay) in Irvine Auditorium, the Womans' Auxiliary in the University Museum. ... The opening service will be held in Convention Hall, 34th St. below Spruce on Tuesday, September 10th at 10:30 A.M. You are urged to be present. (St. James' should be represented by scores of her members since the meeting place is so convenient).

The Presentation of the United Thank Offering will be made on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at a morning service. The next issue of "The Church News" will contain a schedule of meetings with the time and place. Copies will be placed on the Literature Table in the Church.

Many matters of interest will be considered by this convention. Among them:
1- Unity with the Presbyterians. 2- Proposed Revision of the Prayer Book. 3- The Marriage Canon. The daily press will doubtless enable you to read of the proceedings. The first General Convention of the Episcopal Church met in Philadelphia on Sept. 27, 1785. Bishop William White, one of Pennsylvania's great historical characters, was chairman. At this first convention, following the Revolutionary War, the principal business was the adaptation of the liturgy to fit the new government, so recently separated from England, and to draft a Constitution. In contrast with the thousand odd persons concerned with this year's Convention, the first one was made up of just forty-two people. And while delegates to this year's Convention will come from every state in the Union, as well as from China, the Philippine Islands, Alaska, Brazil, the West Indies, Liberia, the Panama Canal Zone and the Hawaiian Islands, the deputies to the first Convention came from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina only.

Presiding over the House of Bishops will be the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, former Missionary Bishop in Japan, and later Bishop of Virginia. His term of office expires this year, and one of the important matters on the Convention agenda is the election of a new Presiding Bishop.

THE PARISH REGISTER
June 1st to August 18th, 1946

BAPTISMS: Robert Beattie, Jr.; Beverly Ann Brosius; Donald Gene Cracraft; Joyce Ann Loving; Edward Milson; Jeanne Ann Perry; Mary Ruth Barbee; Patricia Martha Naomi Bonsall; Donald Richard Wilson, Judith Mae McClure; Andrea Ring Stewart; Terrance James Emerson; Vincent Oliver George, Jr.; William Lewis Dugan; James Wayne Dugan.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child
of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of Heaven".

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES': Marcia Carson Doggett from St. Paul's Church, Oakland, Calif.; Richard Evans from the Chapel of the Nativity.

"We have fellowship one with another".

MARRIAGES: Albert Edward Whisman and Catherine Jean Chandler; Harry Humes Hornberger, Jr., and Ethel Marion Eckman.

"Whom God hath joined together"

BURIALS: John Connell; John F. Cook; John Wibberly; Molly Faustino; Mattie Pover; Daniel Johnson; Blanch Finley; Andrew Anderson; Matthew Rickerson; Alvena Cockill; Edward B. Robinson.

"May their rest be in peace; and their
dwelling place in the paradise of God".

The envelopes containing your offering for the Redecoration Fund should be presented on or before Sunday, October 13th. Other envelopes are available on the Literature Table. At this writing the Holy Table and Reredos are in process of construction. Let us keep this work progressing. Much has yet to be done to develop the possibilities of this lovely old Church.

A set of cards has been provided for the new hymn board. These cards are white with black letters and figures. Mrs. Alfred Wyka contributed the materials, and Mr. Joseph C. Fletcher, Sr., did the lettering.

One of the most disappointing experiences in the life of a pastor is to learn that members of his congregation have travelled afield to be married, and frequently by "marrying parsons" or magistrates. Certainly no thoughtful Christian will disregard the Church when so important an event as marriage is contemplated. The Church provides for instruction, in preparations for the solemnization of Holy Matrimony. The clergy must first make sure there are no impediments to a proper marriage. Then the Pastor endeavors to give counsel regarding various problems in establishing family life. In the face of this care and concern the thoughtless and irreligious go to anyone authorized to officiate at a civil ceremony. Such officiants have no interest in the couple beyond the immediate occasion. A Pastor's interest is abiding. He is always available as a friend and counsellor. Therefore one would expect that the members of the Congregation would turn to him when the important matter of matrimony is contemplated.

The Protestant Episcopal City Mission at 225 S. 3rd St., is a depository for cast-off clothing. This clothing is distributed among the needy, so the supplies are always in need of replenishing. When you go through your closets and chests remember your City Mission.

As of April 8th the Vestry voted a new schedule of prices for graves in the Church Yard. The new rates range from \$65 to \$110 per grave, including perpetual care. Any persons interested in procuring a place for interment may interview the Rector or the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, Mr. Wm. K. Scott, 6915 Theodore St.

Various Church Agencies are in urgent need of good homes to place boys and girls who have been deprived of normal family life. One agency is seeking families where young women may find friendliness and encouragement. In every case adequate provision is made for the sustenance, medical care, and clothing of the guest. Will you help in finding just such homes? Notify Mr. Gilbert if you, or any of your friends, are interested.

How interested our congregations have been to hear the letters sent by several families in Holland. To date four letters and a post-card have been received. Those written in Dutch have been translated for us by the Rev'd. Peter Van der Hiel of St. James Church, Downingtown, Pa. Members of the Daughters of the King are replying to each communication.

By way of explanation: Last Fall the members of St. James who attended services were asked to contribute to a fund for providing Christmas Boxes to be sent to Church people in Europe. The Daughters of the King used the \$75 to pack 150 boxes. Now the touching letters are coming in response. One writer stated that her smaller brothers were so delighted that they were out of bed at 6 AM to play with their marbles.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
September 1, 1946
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

We are sending this letter a month ahead of time because of the meeting of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in our City from September 10th to 20th. It is a conspicuous occasion in our parish life when we can have this great body of Churchmen as our neighbors. The meetings will centre around the University of Pennsylvania Campus which is just 34 city squares from St. James'.

There are several suggestions that are the burden of my brief message:

1. Read the reports of the Convention in both the newspapers and such Church periodicals as may be available. (Some will be on the Literature Table). Keep informed!
2. Attend the public meetings noted below. (Mark especially the Opening Service - September 10th, 10:30 A.M.) Participate in it!
3. Come to St. James' on Sunday, September 15th and 22nd when visiting Bishops will be the Preachers. Hear about the work of the Church in distant places!

Trusting that you will find many matters in this Convention to stimulate, and inform, and inspire you, I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE 55TH GENERAL CONVENTION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 10:30 A.M.

Opening Service - Convention Hall - 34th & Spruce Sts. Tickets are available.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH - 8 A.M.

Presentation of the United Thank Offering of the Women of the Church in Convention Hall. No tickets required.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH - 8 P.M.

Missionary Mass Meeting and Presentation of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund. Irvine Auditorium. No tickets required.

Matters of interest to be considered:

1. Unity with the Presbyterians
2. Proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer
3. The Marriage Canon
4. The Election of a New Presiding Bishop
5. Social Security for Lay Employees
6. Review of our policy in the Far East
7. Social Reconstruction
8. Internationalism and the Church
9. An over-all Strategy for the Church

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BISHOP CROSS

A former member of St. James', the Rt. Rev'd. Edward Makin Cross, Bishop of Spokane will be the Preacher on Sunday, September 15th at 11 A.M. Many remember Bishop Cross as a young man in this parish. Do reserve this date. Let us fill St. James' with an enthusiastic congregation to greet a well-known son. You are urged to invite any persons who may be old firends of Bishop Cross.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY. Usually special letters are sent for this occasion. We shall rely on this notice alone this year. Sunday, October 7th at 8:30 A.M. and 11 A.M.

We have just been assured that the Rt. Rev'd. Robin T. S. Chen of Wuhu, China will be our guest on Sunday, September 22nd.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
December 1, 1946
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

What is it that we Christians should be thinking about and doing to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ? Most of us are primarily concerned with the giving and getting of gifts. We give to our loved ones and our friends; and we get from our loved ones and our friends. That is all very well. It makes for good cheer and joy and a binding of lives closer together. But there is nothing vitally Christian about that. The church of Christ following her Lord, is concerned with bigger things: the redemption of men's souls, the inspiration of their minds, the purifying of their hearts, the offering of their whole beings, their souls, their minds and bodies, to be a "reasonable, holy and living sacrifice" to God. In brief the Church calls upon every man to leave behind his selfishness, his self-satisfaction and his self-concern, and to live his life to the Glory of God. It is a big thing for one to do, to measure one's acts in terms of the Honor and Glory of the Eternal. It requires just two things: a willingness to let go the lesser matters of self-interest, and eagerness to rely entirely on the loving-kindness and power of God for noble living. That is our vocation as Christians. That is what we ought to be concerned with all the time, and eminently so at the Christmas season. Less than such conviction and experience is not worthy of the name of Christ.

May this Festival of the Holy Nativity be a time when you are doing the things Our Lord would have you do to celebrate His Birthday. That means giving to loved ones, to be sure. But it means giving God the service, and gifts, and adoration due His Holy Name.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER

August 19 - November 15, 1946

BAPTISMS: Dorothy Irma Passarella, Peter Charles Tribit, Roberta Helen Higman, Catherine Norma Higman, Warren Eckman Frew, Jo Ann College, Carole Ann Bickel, Florence Mae Lohbrandt, Judith Marie Longstreet, Sandra Emily Morris, Linda Sue Bartlett, Martha Carolyn Carol, Joseph Francis Palmer, Jr., John Christian Schuster, Barbara Jeanne Spicer, Patricia Florence West, Lynnda Lou McLaughlin, John Francis Van Hore, Marcia Elizabeth Doggett, Thomas Otto Tanner, Darlene Virginia Williamson, Nancy Ellen Woolfall.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Mrs. Florence C. Snyder.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit".

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES': Sidney Hicks to St. Stephen's Church, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cheadle, Sr., to St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village, Mr. Wm. Cheadle, Jr., to St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village.

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES': Mrs. Ellen M. Perry from Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, Mrs. Eleanor P. Wilson from St. James' Church, Mrs. Kathryn Dunn from St. Mark's Church.

"We have fellowship one with another".

MARRIAGES: Robert Bolon Forbes and Betty Jane Griffith; Donald Wilson and Patricia Bonsall; Warren E. Frew and Olga I. O'Mara; Rolland Frederick Owen and Sonia Barno; Bertholmew Lambillotte and Ethel M. Worrell; Edward Milson and Doris Higson; Robert McClintock, Jr. and Edna Marsh; Anon Small and Ethel Sminkey; Percival Christie, Jr. and Mary Corbin; Edmund Lunn and Dorothy Kelly; Warren Taunton and Emma Ruley; William Weber and Janet Northamer; E. Peter Yeskoot and Elizabeth J. Johnson; Harold C. Miller and Mary Lou Auld.

"Whom God hath joined together".

BURIALS: Edwin E. Harbaugh, Albert B. Lundgren, Elizabeth F. DeGrasse, Anna M. Rawlin, Benjamin F. Brandt, John P. Bentz, George L. Bradley, Evelyn Crouse, John Hunter, Katharine Frank, Sarah S. Gesner, Robert D. Scheeta, Earl W. Hewitt.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling place in the paradise of God".

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas offering. This money is applied to the Vestry account for helping to maintain the Parish Visitor.

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A branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is being organized. It will meet at an evening hour (the regular time to be announced later). All women who are interested in learning about the missionary work of the Church are invited to attend.

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On Sunday, April 27th, at 11 a.m., Bishop Hart will be at St. James' Church for Confirmation. Preparatory Classes will begin:

1. For Senior High students and adults, on Thursday, January 9, 1947, 8:00 p.m. in the Sparks Building
2. For Intermediate and Junior High students, on Sunday, January 5, 1947, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sparks Building.

Persons interested in being presented for Confirmation will attend either of these sessions. Anyone may attend the classes as an interested visitor.

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On Sunday, September 15th, Bishop Cross dedicated the new Palladian window, reredos and grating. The Holy Table is in process of construction. Two new "colonial" chairs are being made for the sanctuary. The contract has been given for a new Lectern. We have asked our people to reserve comment until the alterations are complete. Nevertheless, there is a feeling abroad that the Architect, Mr. Edwin Boggs, is leading us in the right direction.

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The Vestry has authorized placing the new altar rail in the sanctuary. This rail will be elliptical in shape extending about three feet into the Chancel. The rail will be mahogany, and the balusters finished in white. Perhaps someone would like to install the rail as a memorial. Two persons could use it as a memorial since there are two sections. The total cost will approximate \$500 (\$250 for each section). If anyone is interested in providing the memorial please get in touch with Mr. Gilbert.

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St. James Sunday School is graded from the Nursery Class, Kindergarden, First grade through the eleventh grade. Every year pupils are advanced so that they parallel their grade in public school. In addition to the scheduled curriculum religious films are shown periodically. This fall two Cathedral Films: "The Good Samaritan" and "The Blind Beggar of Jerusalem" have been shown. Mr. Joseph C. Fletcher, Sr., is Director of our visual education program.

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During October the average attendance at Sunday School was 249. This is the best record since 1941. The increase is due to two factors: 1. The upward trend in birth rate; 2. The follow-up of absentees by Miss Havens.

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The hallways, stairways and a room in the Parish House were painted this summer by members of the Senior Young Peoples Fellowship. We are proud of their work.

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Persons who have been united in Matrimony by a civil magistrate may arrange with a clergyman for the service "Benediction of a Civil Marriage". This office casts no reflection on the previous union, since this church takes the position that any baptized persons taking vows of matrimony are married in the sight of God. The office, therefore, is a declaration by the Church of Marriage, invoking the blessing of "God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost" on the union.

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On Sunday, October 27th, members of the Senior Young Peoples Fellowship with their sponsor, Mr. Percy Robinson, went to New York City. They attended the morning service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. In the afternoon they participated in a Youth Meeting at St. James' Church, Madison Ave. and 71st Street.

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Sometimes Non-Episcopalians inquire about being married in the Episcopal Church. Such persons are welcome if they are baptized, or desire to be baptized; if they are not divorced persons; and if they are willing to receive instruction. Any questions may be referred to the clergyman.

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On Friday, November 22nd, the Young People of St. James had a "Fun Nite". A program of dancing (Square, Folk and modern) was provided under the direction of Mr. Harold Fifer. We plan to hold these affairs regularly. All of St. James Young People are welcome. Each may bring one guest. No admission is charged.

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In a recent survey it is reported that in the last 13 years, 87 billion dollars have been spent by Americans on jewels, liquor and other luxuries, while less than $4\frac{1}{2}$ billion have been given to Churches. Money to Churches decreased 19%, while money for luxuries went up 200%. This should give us all food for thought.

Let us think this through for ourselves. How much do I give for God's Church? How does my giving compare with other items in my budget: tobacco, candy, theatres, sports. Many who read this do nothing about the systematic support of the Church. To such we appeal: Take envelopes. Give regularly. Give liberally.

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A Prayer for use in a Time of Scarcity:

O God, who fillest all things with plenteousness, behold in mercy the afflictions of hungry people in the world. Increase the fruits of the earth by Thy heavenly benediction. Suffer them not to be horaded by the selfish nor squandered by the foolish; but grant that all may share abundantly in the harvest of thy soil, according to Thy will revealed in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
Lent 1947
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

In former times of this Christian Era Lent was conspicuously a season of Penitence. The faithful practiced austerities, they regarded the disciplines of the penitential season as proper and beneficial religious exercises. Christians then really did prepare to meet their God. In these times of speedy and involved living there is less and less thought of one's spiritual well being. "The World is too much with us." Our thinking day by day is more and more concerned with business, community affairs, social activities. We do not condemn these interests. Really, we think it is great to be alive in so interesting and challenging a time. But let us not permit such matters to choke out the "good seed" of the Gospel that has been sown in our hearts. Lent is an opportune time to determine to be less involved in the diversity of worldly affairs. Just to live a more simple life, to take time for cultivating the Inner Life, that is a good way to have a Holy Lent.

With the hope that you are more and more deeply convicted of God and of His Will for your life as a member of the Body of Christ, I remain

Sincerely, your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

A Committee of the Vestry has worked diligently for over one year to prepare a new Charter and By-Laws for St. James' Church. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. P. John Moore, is planning to have everything in readiness so that the congregation may begin to function as the Corporation as of Monday, April 7, 1947. At 8 in the evening of that day there will be a congregational meeting in the Auditorium of the Parish House, at which time and place, nine Vestrymen will be chosen. The following is Article 2 of the By-Laws:

"The members of the Corporation, who shall be qualified to vote at any election for vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before any meeting of the Corporation, shall be all lay, baptized and confirmed persons of the age of twenty-one years or upwards who shall have been worshipers in this Church as their usual place of public worship for one year and upwards, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the Corporation, during each of two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting not less than (\$5.00) five dollars."

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An envelope is enclosed for your Easter Offering. If the envelope is misplaced, others are available in the Church Literature Rack. Or use any envelope noting your name and address. The Easter Offering is devoted by the Vestry to the maintenance of the Parish Visitor.

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THE PARISH REGISTER

November 16, 1946 - February 1, 1947

BAPTISMS: Kathleen Susan Swift, Bari Louise Bair, Randall Robert Bowes, June Jarvie, Harry Earl Roberts, Jr., Albert Charles Brown, William David Morrow, Jr., Laura Ann Craig, Susann Marie Farmer, Warren Wenz Taunton, Phyllis V. White.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES': Elizabeth Wagner from Church of the Epiphany; Martha Alexander from St. John's Church, York, Penna.; Dorothy Emmett from Holy Comforter Memorial Church; Sarah Glass from St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Mt. Carmel, Pa.; Reese Glass from St. Stephen's Memorial Church; Kathryn Lindsay from Memorial Church of the Holy Comforter; Charles Lindsay, Elsie Mitchell from Ch. of St. John the Evangelist; Matilda Fulmer from Prince of Peace; Theresa Brooks from St. Michaels' Church, Yeadon.

"We have fellowship one with another".

MARRIAGES: Theron J. Harrison and Jean Romaine Kopp; Harold Edgar Peifer, Jr., and Isabel Mildred Gray.

"Whom God hath joined together".

BURIALS: James Wayne Dugan, Edythe E. Grubb, Florence Matsinger, Mercy Abigail Crocker, Richard J. Wood.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling place in the paradise of God".

Members of this congregation and their friends are invited to contribute for Overseas Relief and Reconstruction. Wednesday, March 12th, has been set as the day. The Parish House will be open from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.; 7 to 9:30 P.M. Mrs. Harry Bair (SA 9-2024) is Chairman. She will answer inquiries. The following

things are solicited: clothing for both European and Asiatic peoples; household necessities; bed clothing, towels, sewing machines, kitchen utensils, tools, etc. All articles will be packed and sent to the Church World Service Center 21-21, 44th Drive, Long Island City, N.Y., whence it will be sorted and sent to the various countries abroad.

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On Saturday, January 25th (The Conversion of St. Paul), Mr. Robert Patrick Varley, a member of St. James' was ordained Deacon at All Hallow's Church, Wyncote, by Bishop Hart. The Rev'd. Mr. Varley will complete his seminary studies in May at which time he will be given a pastoral assignment.

On Sunday, February 9th (Sexagesima), the Rev'd. Mr. Francis K. McNaull was advanced to the Priesthood by Bishop McClelland of Easton, Maryland. The service was in St. James' Church. Mr. McNaull is finishing his studies at the University of Wisconsin.

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The correct use of Candles in the Sanctuary is a matter of considerable interest among Church people. At St. James' we endeavor in all matters not specifically provided for in the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer to follow what we understand to be the traditional custom of the Anglican Communion. Regarding the candle lights the Rev'd. Percy Dearmer, a scholar in Liturgics, wrote this regarding the practice in Medieval England: "There is no authority whatever for reserving special candles for use at Mass; the same candles were always used for other services; nor are such things as 'vesper lights' known to the Church." (The Parson's Handbook, page 90). Until we find better authority we shall continue to use the two candlesticks on the Holy Table for all services of Divine Worship at St. James'.

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RESOLUTIONS -- Adopted by General Convention, 1946.

Resolved, that this Convention recommends to the Bishops and Clergy of this Church that before solemnizing any marriage they require the parties thereto to sign the following statement signifying their understanding of the Church's doctrine regarding marriage and their intention to be faithful to it:

"We, A.B. and C.D., desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the Form of Solemnization of Matrimony in the Book of Common Prayer. We believe it is for the purpose of mutual fellowship, encouragement and understanding, for the procreation (if it may be) of children, and their physical and spiritual nurture, for the safeguarding and benefit of society. And we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto."

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Sometimes members of this Church decide to marry members of the Roman Catholic Church. If the Marriage is to be solemnized by a priest of the Roman Church the Non-Roman Catholic must attend a series of instructions. It is our suggestion to the member of the Episcopal Church confronted with such a requirement that he or she propose that the Roman Catholic party come to an Episcopal pastor to receive instruction regarding the Catholic Faith as this Church hath received the same. Of course, the Rector of St. James' will gladly arrange for such instruction.

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It is disappointing that so few persons remember the Church or Church Institutions in their wills. If each parishioner would provide a bequest, however modest, the financial position of the Church would be greatly improved. Perhaps we have failed to read the Rubric on page 320 of the Book of Common Prayer.

"The Minister is ordered, from time to time to advise the People, whilst they are in health, to make Wills arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, and, when of ability, to leave Bequests for religious and charitable uses."

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A Nursery Class is conducted in the Parish House on the first Sunday of each month at 11 A.M. Mothers who wish to attend the communion service may leave their children with responsible leaders.

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We are very eager to install the proposed sanctuary rail in the Chancel of the Church. One person has agreed to present one part of the rail as a memorial. Anyone interested in presenting the other section will kindly speak to the Rector.

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A branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has been organized at St. James'. The officers are: President, Miss Sadie Irwin; Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Mellon; Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Cobb; Treasurer, Miss Hilda Ellis.

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 8 P.M. All women of St. James' are invited to attend. The major interest of this auxiliary will be the Missionary work of the Church.

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One of the conspicuous events in our parish life this winter was a meeting for parents and teachers of the Primary Department on Wednesday, January 22nd. After a period of discussion regarding the characteristics and needs of younger children, and their religious nurture, the evening was spent in playing games and enjoying a "tea". About 55 women participated in this most interesting program.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING

June 1947

THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Why do we hold so zealously to the Christian Faith? One could give a list of reasons, all of which would be important. The chief reason, I would say, is to fulfill God's Will for our lives. God's Will is all-important to us. Even tho' we may understand His Way and Will inadequately, one thing we do know beyond any questioning. That one thing is that men may be made into the spiritual likeness of God's Son. "This is the Will of God, even your sanctification."

I wonder how many of us, enjoying the comforts and satisfactions of unusual prosperity, are thinking in terms of God's primary and ultimate Will for us. How each of us needs to re-think his philosophy of living. Neither creature comforts nor financial security, nor social distinction (desirable as some of these things may be) are the abiding things. Rather is it the realization of the spiritual purpose and power in God's Universe that is of chief concern.

The Church in its humble way endeavors to nurture souls in the Life with God. We know of no other means of fulfilling God's Will for our soul's health. To neglect the Church is to deprive one's self of the fulness of God's Grace. Without God's Grace we cannot do His Will and our lives, therefore, miss the mark.

So let none of us continue in indifference or complacency. We need the Church, the Church needs us, that God's Will may be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

May all of us be vital Christians!

Sincerely your friend and Pastor,

JAMES C. GILBERT

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THE PARISH REGISTER

February 1st to May 31st

BAPTISMS: Michael James Ayres, Margaret Violet Leidy, Doris Marie Loudon, John Charles Loudon, Frank Henry Parker, Jr., Barbara Anne Robinson, Sandra Jean Hoeffer, Edward William Bridges, William George Monteith, Judith Alice Terwilliger, Mabel Jane Madderson, Avon James Small, David Chekavian, Adair Mary Davidson, Beatrice Bell Fitch, Hallie Nettie Fitch, David Joseph Bell Owens, Hortense Molbra Owens, William Creed Owens, Jr., Thomas Raymond Smith, 3rd, Horatio Connell Snyder, John Warren Ward, Thomas Charles Barber, William Reese Brown, Albert Hamilton Buchanan, Jr., John George Connell, Jr., James Joseph Cook, John Douglas McEwen, John Victor Murray, Stanley Joseph Nelson, Frederick Sinclair Pidgeon, Jr., Richard Russell Pottier, James Robert Smith, Lesley Elizabeth Stott, John Edmund Wagner, Joseph Palmer Ephlin, Paula Beth Xenakis, Susan Lynn Binkowski, Robert Smith Brown, Jr., Edythe Ellen Grubb, Helen Mildred Jamison, Mary Margaret Krieger, Joanne Grace McKay, Jo-Ann Elizabeth Roslewski, Linda Ann Warner, Glenn James Moran, Gerald Howard Francis, Sandra Lea Francis.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child
of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Schuyler Stephen Armstrong, Wilfred Drew Chapman, Louise Naomi Close, Joan Marjorie Corrison, William John Crawford, Adair Mary Davidson, Benjamin Paul Ehling, Dorothy Elizabeth Ehling, Richard Edward Ehling, William Joseph Foley, John Thomas Gibson, Robert Emmett Groves, Jr., William Theodore Groves, Barbara Lee Jamison, Alva Marie Knowlton, Joan Eleanor Knowlton, Shirley Mae Malmgren, Elizabeth Irene McGrath Miller, John Edward Miller, Mary Janet Miller, Ralph Joseph Miller, Jane Earley Momer, Kathleen Joan Moore, Ruth Irene Lucas Morrow, Christine Dorothy Mullen, Hortense Molbrae Owens, William Creed Owens, Jr., Annie Vinten Phelps, Helen Elizabeth Otting Phelps, Richard Russell Pottier, Paul Alvin Rowlings, Mary Eleanor Henry Seiberling, Avon James Small, Ethel Florence Sminkey Small, Mildred Catharine Smalley Sminkey, William Thomas Stephens, Christine Ruley Taunton, Warren Wentz Taunton, Kathryn Gertrude Van Fossen, Charles Martin Way, Janet May Northamer Weber, Eleanor Elizabeth Wilson, John Wesley Wilson, Marjorie Eleanor Wilson, William Wallace Wilson, Willard Lowell Selby.

RECEIVED: Irene Adams Champion, Stephen Bray Champion, Mary Brown Kitchen.
"Let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them".

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES': Ella Groves from Church of the Savior; Emma Higson from The Savior Church, Bolten, England; Lewis W. Higson from Savior Church, Bolten, England; Mary Murray from St. James' Church, Bristol, Pa.; Ann Lafferty from Prince of Peace Chapel; Marion Snow from St. James' Church, 22nd & Walnut Sts., Philadelphia.
"We have fellowship one with another".

MARRIAGES: John Edward Miller and Elizabeth Irene McGrath; Charles F. McLaughlin and Bessie Ruth Worrell; Joseph Francis McLaverty and Mae Agnes Corrison.
"Whom God hath joined together".

BURIALS: Clyde F. Roach, Bernadine Goldhorn, Edward S. Anderson, Evva Cheyne, William Robertson, Frank A. Smiley, Walter Momer, Jr., Lillian M. Lukens, John Varley, Percy McRoser, William Christian Feldmayer, Nancy Woolfall, Andrew B. Egan, Jr., Frank England, Barbara Elingenstein, Arthur Lock, William H. Rambo, Edwin Thomas Murray, Rebecca P. Platt, George W. Callahan, Charles Hasson, William L. Jones, Richard F. Carlin, Thomas C. Brooks, George H. Miller, Robert C. Thompson, Frank Bloomer.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling place in the paradise of God".

Miss Havens will finish her assignment as Parish Visitor as of September 30th. She is awaiting an appointment with the Church Army. Miss Havens has made many friends in the Community, and her efforts have enlarged the influence of St. James. All of us are grateful for her diligence in attending to many matters in the work of a busy parish.

Miss Havens will be succeeded by Miss Betty Jenks, 333 W. Hansbury St., Germantown. Miss Jenks has served as Parish Visitor at the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, and at St. Giles Church, Stonehurst.

The re-decoration of St. James is progressing satisfactorily. These memorials have been dedicated:

The Holy Table in memory of William T. Atchison;
given by Mrs. Matilda Atchison and family.

The Bishop's Chair in memory of Caroline C. Gesner;
the Clergy Chair in memory of Elizabeth W. Hinkson;
given by Mr. Albert B. Gesner and family.

The Sanctuary Rail, Epistle Section, in memory of
Robert Hamilton and Robert Barclay Averell;
given by Mrs. Robert Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Averell.

The Sanctuary Rail, Gospel Section, in memory of
J. William and Lena W. Applebaugh, and Marion L. Pecke;
given by Mr. and Mrs. Evan J. Tibbott, Jr.

The Lectern is the gift of all of us to memorialize those persons, members of this parish, who died while serving in the Armed Forces, World War II:

Thomas J. Bailey, A.U.S.
James H. Callaway, U.S.N.R.
William H. Murrison, A.U.S.
Virginia M. Smith, W.A.C.
Harold H. Spicer, A.C. - A.U.S.
Alfred J. Wade, U.S.C.G.

There are several changes yet to be made: the lighting needs to be modernized; carpet should be placed in the Sanctuary, Chancel, and aisles, (under the pews if possible). At present there are not sufficient funds to do the necessary things so the Vestry is asking you to make a liberal offering by October 12th to enable us to finish our re-decoration. An envelope is enclosed for your use.

On July 27th Mr. Bradt will terminate his tenure as Director of Music at St. James. Mr. Bradt has served faithfully and efficiently for over ten years. He leaves St. James to assume the Ministry of Music at the Church of the Holy Trinity West Chester. "Ben" leaves us with the best wishes and friendship of all.

The Rector has two funds made possible by contributions and honoraria: The Communion Alms are offerings made by communicants who use an envelope each month. These envelopes are in the Packet provided for those who wish to contribute regularly for the support of the Church (Packets are always available. Speak to an usher). The Alms are given by the Rector to persons in need of food, fuel, clothing or medicines. The Discretionary Fund is maintained by persons who use the Birthday envelope in the packet, by those who contribute to the loose offering on the first Sunday of each month, and by those who make an offering at Special Services: baptisms, funerals and weddings. This fund is used for many matters in the work of the Parish. literature, stamps, auto maintenance, incidental items such as purchasing looms for the Girls Friendly Society Juniors, Sponsors' baptismal certificates, typewriter repairs, et cetera.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
September 1947
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

The matter of immediate concern before the Church is Evangelism. Evangelism is simply the method that Christians employ to win others to be followers of Jesus Christ. To be a follower of Jesus Christ means, without qualification, to participate in the life of His Mystical Body, the Church.

Every earnest Christian desires to be an Evangelist. The spiritual blessings that he has known impel him to wish to share his vision and joy with others. He does this primarily by his personal example. But one should do more. God is ever in need of our voices. He needs us to say a helpful word, to express the assurance of His Gospel, to invite unconverted persons to the services of the Church.

Our methods of Evangelism in the Episcopal Church are never sensational. We seek always to imitate our Lord. Whether it be a group or an individual, we talk directly, firmly and without any display of unseemly emotionalism. We are not interested in the methods of popular revivalists. As Churchmen we seek to win men by an appeal to mind and will, as well as to heart.

As the Pastor of this flock of Christ's people, I am relying on you to be Evangelists. Extend an invitation to your neighbors, friends, fellow-workmen. Let us bring more and more persons into the Fellowship. All of us are needed to increase the influence of Our Lord through His Church. Let us determine to speak the "Word of Life" in God's Name. We shall win some, by His Grace.

In concluding I would remind you of St. Paul's words, counselling one of his co-workers in the Church, "Do the work of an Evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:5).

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

JAMES C. GILBERT

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The annual World Wide Communion celebration will be on Sunday, October 5th. Services for Communion will be at 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. We are hopeful that great numbers of our congregation will be present to join with the hosts of other Christians the world-over who would thus remember the Lord's death "till he come again".

Evening Services are resumed on October 5th at 8:00 P.M.

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THE PARISH REGISTER
June 1st to September

BAPTISMS: Harry Sampson, Alfred James Colgan, Paula Santella Frotta, Florence May Frotta, Ralph Carmen Frotta, Jr., Isobel Marie Montgomery, Alfred William Rogers, Barry Conrad Stollte, Linda Allen Woods, Annette Marie Ryan, Michael Milton Dunn, Edgar Bernard Brannon, Jr., Sharon Diane Post, Ronald Alen Forsyth, Suzann Elma Haupt, Ronald Wayne Kimball, Lawrence James Madara, Jr., John Edward Miller, Jr.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child
of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Margaret Schaffer from St. Peter's Church; Elwood Null from Christ Church, West Collingswood, N. J.; John Drayton from Church of St. Matthias; Hilda Gottwald from Grace Church, Hulmeville, Pa.; Donald Stuart from Holy Trinity Memorial Church.

"We have fellowship one with another".

MARRIAGES: Paul William Graf and Marian Gertrude Christie; Charles Chambers Smith and Elizabeth Sarah McClung; James Donald Sproul and Doris Ellen Bennett; Robert Edmund Dornheime Manuel and Henrietta Foynter Smith; Albert Adolph Stief and Pearl Adele Sheridan Fife; Charles Robert Wallace and Mary Elizabeth Montgomery; Howard Joseph Lister and Gladys Jeanette Davis; Claude Carr Booth and Doris Ann Kollhoff.

"Whom God hath joined together".

BURIALS: John H. Mervine, Sr., Sarah J. Woolverton, William B. Holstein, Margaret Greer, Howard Hudson, Elizabeth Toufexis, Lillie Hellier, Ben Johnson, Elsie McKenzie, William M. Andrews, Lillie B. Barton, Samuel G. Shannon, Gullia Crosette, Elizabeth Snyder, John A. Gustray, Catherine L. Byrne, Edward W. Miller, Helen Scott Wall.

"May their rest be in peace; and their
dwelling place in the paradise of God".

We welcome to our Church family at St. James Miss Mareen Bixler and Miss Betty Jenks. Miss Bixler comes as Organist and Director of the Choirs. She is on the Staff of the Academy of Vocal Arts, 1920 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, and resides at 1304 Pine Street, Philadelphia. Miss Jenks will serve in the dual capacity of Director of Educational Activities and Parish Visitor. Her residence is at 333 W. Hansbury St., Germantown. We trust that both Miss Bixler and Miss Jenks will be happy in their associations, and that they will continue for a long time at St. James.

One of the greatest problems in the Church is that of adequate finances. The Church never has sufficient funds to do what should be done. This Churchly penury is due primarily to the fact that a great proportion of Church members do very little to maintain Church activities. For example, less than one half of the Communicants of St. James give regularly for supporting the parish. And still less give anything for benevolences. Why is this? Not because our people are without employment, or poverty stricken. It is because many persons do not realize that this parish with its property and program is the responsibility of each of us. All of us have reasonable pride in St. James: the attractive Churchyard, the program of social and recreational activities, the influence in the Name of Our Lord that it exerts in this Community. Let everyone of us match our pride with our liberal and systematic contributions.

The date appointed for the return of the Re-decoration Fund envelopes is October 12th. Of course, they are acceptable at any time. We are hopeful that there will be sufficient monies to complete our program. Carpeting of the aisles, Chancel and Sanctuary is the major project before us. May we depend on everyone to respond to the letter sent during June? Additional envelopes are in the literature rack.

The Rt. Rev'd. Robin T. S. Chen, who has been guest at the Rectory during frequent periods since the meeting of General Convention September 1946, is leaving San Francisco for China early in October. The Bishop's home address is Lion Hill, Wuhu, China.

Several months ago the Rector wrote R. Geissler, Inc., New York City, regarding the Cross and Vases on the Gradine behind the Altar. The following is excerpted from their reply:

"A number of our record books were destroyed by a fire in the storage vault shortly after 1912; so we cannot refer to them. However, we do find a print of a special drawing for a set of Cross and Vases - - - The vases were specially designed by us; doubtless after details and dimensions were determined, on consultation with the rector, donors, and possibly a Committee on memorials;-- the models prepared in our shop; the vases were cast, and then finely hand tooled and finished by us. This type of work; with high relief, and fine hand tooling is an outstanding piece of art metal work;-- it was expensive originally;-- and now would probably cost three to four times what it cost then;-- for with the decrease in the number of designers, modellers, chasers, etc. etc. (few, if any, have begun their training during a generation and more) far below the demand, their wage scales have tripled and more, during the years that passed since 1912."

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The Southwest Lions Club, who meet each Tuesday in the Parish House, have periodically made a liberal contribution to the Vestry. The Vestry has placed this at the Rector's disposal. Each time the Rector has used the money for a work of charity in the community.

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The following sets of envelopes are being used, but the holder in each case is unidentified: 101, 415, 416, 420, 430. Will the persons having these sets kindly write their name and address together with their envelope number on a slip of paper and place in the offering?

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A central counselling and referral service for individuals with disabilities has been established by seven privately supported Philadelphia agencies and one state agency serving the handicapped.

This is a free service available to citizens of Philadelphia and vicinity in an effort to meet their needs by directing to agencies best equipped to help them with such services as:

SHELTERED EMPLOYMENT IN SHOP OR HOME
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
PHYSICAL THERAPY
FUNCTIONAL TRAINING
VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND PLACEMENT
HOME NURSING SERVICE
WHEELCHAIR AND SICKROOM EQUIPMENT

For further information consult:

INFORMATION AND ADVISORY SERVICE FOR THE HANDICAPPED
261 North Broad Street Philadelphia 7, Pa.
Room 201

Mrs. Elizabeth Kurtz
Consultant

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
December 1947
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Sometimes we Church people may get the impression that "giving" is the peculiar vocation of a religious person. We ought to realize that man's civilization has depended on the willingness of intelligent beings to share or give. Our ancient ancestors progressed as they learned to share their knowledge and possessions. We who are Christians are called to do all that the natural man has done, and more. As professing Christians we contribute of our knowledge and wisdom for the community good. We give of our substance to help the less fortunate. We give of our friendliness and love to those who need it. And, most important, we give of ourselves in consecration and worship to God, and in loyalty to His Church. The Giving Life, we learn, is the Blessed Life.

May all of us find more of joy in this Season of the Holy Nativity because we have realized that we follow in our Lord's Way of Life when we seek to give. The Editor of Crescendo (an Organists' periodical) writes thus to her fellow musicians "What a privilege to be a Church organist at this blessed season! What a glorious opportunity to communicate to the members of our congregations a bit of the joyous thrill of the song of the Angels." Yes, that is it: to convey something of yourself to someone else. And all to the Glory of God.

May yours be a Happy Christmastide.

Sincerely,
Your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER
September 15th to November 30th

BAPTISMS: Dorothy Ellen Carbonara, David Earl Cooper, James Russell Cracraft, Sally Ann Bye, Harold Lynn Miller, Tad Richard Yoder, Lynda Elizabeth Lunn, William Tilghman Leopold, Jr., Robert Frank Cleary, Joseph Albert Gottwald, John Robert Moore, Robert William Richmond, Betty Mae Frame, George Edwin Harbaugh, Bonnie Lee Morris, Janet Ellen Hoch, Frank William Johnson, Jr., Marian Anna Dinmore Johnson, Lillian Irene Orrell, Lynn Denise McCullough, Jane Elizabeth Henwood, Pamela Lynn Desmond, Donald Ross Pearson, Barbara Joan Meehen.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Margaret C. Murphy Humphreys from Church of Holy Apostles & the Mediator; Marion Fish Edgar from Trinity Church, Collingdale, Pa.; Anna Murphy from St. James's, Philadelphia.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: Paul Richard MacMichael and Annamae Hood; Paul Loyd Miller and Anna Jean Bechtel; Grant Adrian Fogstad and Doris Jean Smith; Jack Elmer Armstrong and Thelma Pansy Orrell; Francis William Robert Kirkpatrick and Lillian Ethel Zellman; Alfred Gee Connor and Dolores Marie Layer.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Raymond G. Hager, Horace E. Anderson, Leon Ernest Jones, Harry B. Newman, Emma Chambers, Catherine W. Lawson, Francis M. Oarlin, Charlotte Horner, Ella Spillane, Eliza Buchanan, Abraham King, Oswald D. Teal, James Symington, George T. Crumback, Daniel McBride.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling place in the paradise of God".

An envelope is enclosed for your Christmas Offering. This offering is especially designated to help the Vestry maintain a Parish Visitor.

The Ladies Guild continue to receive clothing for Church World Service. Un-needed articles are packed and sent to New Windsor, Md. and then processed and shipped to Europe or Asia. If you are interested in helping, 'phone Mrs. Wilbur Maxwell SA 7-1773.

The Episcopal Hospital needs student nurses. Interested young women may speak to the Rector, or get in touch with Miss Dora Mathis, Director, School of Nursing, Front and Lehigh Avenue.

In the packets of Envelopes for 1948 there are four envelopes designated for "Music". The offerings received will be used to build up our music budget. Our hope is to offer some special training for a Boys Choir.

Do you contribute regularly, systematically for the maintenance of St. James Church? Packets of envelopes are available for all who wish them.

St. James Church, through its Benevolence Fund, is providing a scholarship for the maintenance of a Haitian Priest at the Divinity School. The Rev'd. Dumont Morisseau is doing graduate work and will return to teach in St. James Seminary, Port au Prince. The Rev'd. Mr. Morisseau has already addressed some of our Parish Organizations.

Interested persons are invited to attend the Mothers Class taught by Mrs. Gilbert. The group meets in the Parish House (office) at 9:45 A.M. each Sunday.

Services and socials for the Christmas Season are announced in the program of Sunday, December 21st. The Annual Carol Service by Candlelight will be held on December 21st at 8 P.M. Everyone is welcome.

Members of St. James are enrolled in many colleges: Columbia, Dartmouth, Drexel, Franklin and Marshall, Penna. State, Temple, Union, University of Pennsylvania, Villanova. If you know of a student in any college not listed above, please send the name and address to the Rector.

Bishop Remington will visit St. James on Sunday, April 11th, 11 A.M. for the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. Classes will meet: Sunday, January 4, 1948, 4 P.M. for Elementary and Junior High Students; Thursday, January 8, 1948, 8 P.M. for Senior High Students and Adults. Classes in the Sparks Building, 68th and Woodland Avenue.

The men and women married by the Rector of St. James Church have promised that they will attend and support a Christian Church wherever they live. We trust that our young couples are not forgetting this solemn vow made as evidence of their faith in God, and obligation to Him at a time of earnest dedication.

Mr. Robert M. Smith, Superintendent of the Sunday School, has studied the 1946 Journal of the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and learned that St. James Church has the largest Sunday School enrollment in the Diocese. As of December 31, 1946 there were 417, including Officers and Teachers. The Sunday School continues to grow, especially in the Primary Department where, as the result of the efforts of both Teachers and the Parish Visitor, there is constantly an increase of numbers.

Recently a man came to St. James to inform the Rector that he was going to take instructions to be received into another denomination. Since I, as the present Rector of St. James had prepared this gentleman for confirmation I was greatly disappointed. "Well, we have failed you," I said. "You haven't failed me, Mr. Gilbert," he replied. "But the people of the Episcopal Church have." Then he went on to say how he had attended other Episcopal Churches in the city during the summer. The slim attendance certainly failed to impress him. Conceding that the summer time is hardly the occasion to pass judgment on city congregations the observation is nevertheless a poignant one. Let the complacent Sunday "stay-at-homes" realize how they are affecting the influence of the Church. Perhaps a reminder of the instruction given us in preparation for Confirmation will stir up our dormant wills "my bounden duty is to follow Christ, to worship God every Sunday in his Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of His Kingdom."

A Clergy chair similar to the one in the Sanctuary is needed for the new Prayer Desk. Would someone wish to give it as a memorial? The cost will be approximately \$125.00.

Mothers desiring to attend the celebration of the Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month may leave their children in the nursery (Sparks Building-corner of 68th St. and Woodland Avenue.)

Do you know of any 'teen age young people who feel the need of special counseling? Speak to the Rector, or refer the persons to Christ Church, 2nd Street above Market, where a staff of competent persons is prepared to help young people.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
Lent - 1948
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear people:

Writing this note is a most happy experience for it has to do with the contributions of St. James Congregation to Missions and Benevolences during 1947. I know you will rejoice with me as you review these figures:

For the Missionary work of the Diocese and National Council:	\$2400.00
The Episcopal Hospital:	412.50
The Presiding Bishop's Fund for relief of the people of Europe and Asia:	800.00
Three Seminaries:	125.00
The Philadelphia Divinity School - special fund to maintain a graduate student:	400.00
Church Farm School - scholarships:	400.00
Miscellaneous:	465.00
	<u>\$5002.50</u>

This represents money dispensed by the Accounting Warden. Organizations sent \$254.84 additional for the first two items noted above. The Sunday School also has a separate account for various benefactions. In addition to this about \$600.00 were made available to the Rector for charitable works through the Communion Alms envelopes.

To every one who has shared in this giving my earnest "Thank you". To those who may have neglected using the Red Side of the envelope, and to those who have not taken a packet of envelopes, consider this an invitation and plea to cooperate with all the others who are doing so well in furthering Our Lord's Mission in many ways. As we thank God for the Spirit that moves us to reach out to others, let us determine by His Grace to be more and more useful in strengthening and enlarging the activities of His Church.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER
December 1st to February 15th

BAPTISMS: Edward Horace Schmehl, Rolland Frederick Owen, Ruth Louise Marker, Dorothy Jean Tomlinson, Mary Jane Fitch, Patsy Owens Fitch, Maynard Gene Hathaway, Virginia Ellen McManus, Edward Joseph Nelson, Dorothy Irene Milson, Edward James Parker, David Stuart Patterson.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God,
and am inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Catherine May Lawrence Everett from All Saints' Church; Clarence Earl Davis, Doreen Lewis Davis, and Doreen Elinore Davis from Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: Edward Louis Ricciardi and Doris Gertrude Pearson; Robert Marion Hawley, Jr. and Mary Venezia Benasse.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Margaret Hooker, James E. Perry, Wilhelmina Kelly, Emily A. Tamagne, Anna C. Gould, Helen Everts, Mary S. Smith, Walfred Bystrom, Ernest Farlow, William T. Harding, Winfield Adams, Robert Edwards, John Forsyth, Frances Steelman.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling place
in the paradise of God."

An envelope is enclosed for your special Easter Offering. Give as you have prospered, and with Thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life. If your envelope is misplaced, others are available in the Literature Rack. Or use any envelope noting your name and address.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held in the Parish House, 68th St. and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, March 29, 1948, 8 P.M.

"The members of the Corporation, who shall be qualified to vote at any election for vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before any meeting of the Corporation, shall be all lay, baptized and confirmed persons of the age of twenty-one years or upwards who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual place of public worship for one year and upwards, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the Corporation during each of two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting not less than (\$5.00) five dollars."

Three vestrymen will be elected at this meeting for a term of three years. The vestrymen whose terms expire are Mr. Robert M. Smith, Mr. T. Raymond Smith, Mr. W. Ross Powers. (These same gentlemen are eligible for re-nomination since the By-Laws place no restrictions on vestrymen succeeding themselves.)

Since the present organ at St. James is beyond re-conditioning, it is necessary to plan for a new instrument. The following committee have been appointed. Mr. Earl Smith, Mr. T. Raymond Smith, Mrs. Ethel Bleacher. Miss Bixler is a member ex officio. A wind instrument comparable to the present one would cost \$10 - \$12,000. The committee is considering recommending an electronic instrument. Those being considered range in price from \$3500 to \$5300. It will be necessary to solicit the Congregation to underwrite the cost. Of course, there may be someone who would be able and willing to present such an instrument as a memorial to a Loved One. Such a gift would meet a great need in our congregational worship.

It has long been a custom in the Church not to solemnize marriage during the Lenten Season. Parishioners are requested not to ask for a violation of this custom, unless there is some urgent or unusual circumstance.

Bishop Remington will visit St. James for Confirmation Sunday, April 11th at 11 A.M. Last year 100 were baptized in St. James Church, a record number. In his 1913 report and again for 1928 the Rev'd. Mr. Gilberson noted 82 baptisms. As of the new year, after removing the names of disinterested persons, there were 459 members in the Sunday School.

We are greatly in need of several men to strengthen the tenors and basses in the Choir. Who among our congregation and friends will offer to give of his time for one rehearsal, and one service each week?

Occasionally some one asks about the disposal of old Bibles. According to an accepted custom such articles (Prayer Books, Hymnals, Altar Linens et cetera) should be reverently burned.

The prayer that follows is one of those frequently used to open the meetings of the Vestry:

"Vouchsafe, O Lord, to us thy servants to whom the affairs of this Parish are committed, prudence, justice and charity, that we may be of one mind and one heart in the upbuilding of thy Church, and in the spread of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

During December the Vestry was the recipient of a gift from a friend of the Parish, Mr. Clarence M. Brown. Mr. Brown is a member of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill; a trustee of the Chapin Home; President of the Board of Trustees, Church Mission of Help. Mr. Brown's gift of bonds was sold for \$1615.00. The money was used against a deficit in the Parish House improvement fund (a deficit incurred through certain improvements and repairs, chiefly plumbing). As a congregation we are deeply grateful to Mr. Brown for his interest and generosity.

We are most eager to increase the Endowment Fund of St. James Church. At present this fund is as follows:

The Sparks Building	\$ 6,000.00
The Cemetery	\$15,000.00
The Parish	\$48,000.00
	<u>\$69,000.00</u>

If every communicant would provide a portion of his estate to this purpose we could have an adequate fund. Obviously a large property such as ours needs a liberal endowment for its maintenance.

The Vestry suggests the use of the following forms:

FORM OF LEGACY

I give and bequeath to The Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of St. James' Church of Kingsessing in the Diocese of Pennsylvania the sum of _____ dollars, to be added to the principal of the Fund for the Endowment of the Parish.

FORM OF GIFT OR DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE

I give and devise to The Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of St. James' Church of Kingsessing in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, its successors and assigns, to be added to the principal of the Endowment of the Parish, all that certain (here describe the property or ground rent intended to be given).

Witness:

Signature:

Holy Week Services will be announced in the Sunday Programs, and in the newspapers. We would remind you of the Choir's singing Stainer's "The Crucifixion" on Good Friday, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

A prayer of dedication was offered, December 14th for the Gallery Hangings, and the Memorial Board in the North Transept.

The Hangings were given by Mr. and Mrs. William W. Perry, in memory of their son James E. Perry, A.D. 1910-1944 who lost his life in the European Theatre, World War II.

The Memorial Board given by Mrs. Margaret C. Humpreys and Miss Anna Murphy is a tribute to their brother, James D. Murphy, Jr., A.D. 1891-1944

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
Summer - 1948
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear people:

One difference between Church people and those who profess no allegiance to God's Church is that the former accept and impose upon themselves certain special disciplines. These disciplines have to do with regular participation in Public Worship, and with the conduct of one's personal way of living. Both find their origin and example in our Lord's Life and Teachings. In the Gospel (St. Luke 4:16) we are told that Jesus "as his custom was, went into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day", and we are presented with the kind of life Jesus lived: patience, kindness, generosity, trustfulness, zeal for the Kingdom of God.

The Episcopal Church holds this standard of discipleship before her people. The Church is not despotic, it does not burden your life with petty rules and regulations; it issues no threats in the name of "the Keys of the Kingdom". But it does lay a weighty charge upon its people. It says to you "the responsibility of making and keeping your peace with God is on your shoulders. It is for you to live your life as a devoted, loyal disciple. The standards are set before you: Worship and Godly living to the Glory of God."

May every one realize that he is privileged to serve God in "the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" (Galations 5:1) in a Church that has no purpose but that of declaring and doing God's Will. Surely every one who professes the name of Jesus should consider that less than these minimum disciplines is not worthy a member of the Body of Christ.

May your Summer in every way be a pleasant and refreshing season.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER
February 16th to June 30th

BAPTISMS: John Charles Berkeyheiser, Jr., John Charles Berkeyheiser, Sr., Robert James O'Mara, Rita Anne O'Mara, James Edward O'Mara, Charles Leonard Williams, Rachel Elizabeth Coulter, Kathleen Ruth Kelly, Elaine Marie Ward, Edwin Alan Cartwright, William James McClintock, Bette Jeanne Walker, Robert Winslow Ward, Kathryn Ann Yeskoot, Sarah Lillian Mary Diffin, (Mrs.) Blanche Mary (Smith) Price, Linda Jane Coates, Charles Francis McLaughlin, Jr., Dolores Elizabeth Rost, Clinton William Fitch, Jr., Charles Longstreet, Evelyn White, Miriam Lillian Doggett, Susan Jane Castor, Thomas George Patton, Elmer Walter Gardner, Jr., Robert Thomas Brullo, Frank John Phillips, Elizabeth Jane Swan.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God,
and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Ralph Lemoyne Fish, Richard Aitken, Susan Ferrier Aitken, Janice Lillie Anderson, Richard James Atchison, Ruth Mae Averell, Martha Ruth Healy Barrow, Regina Ann Belmont, Helen Florence Galloway Berkeyheiser; John Berkeyheiser, John Charles Berkeyheiser, Eileen Burns Binkowski, Florence May Cassidy, Robert Earl Delany, Jennie Kessler Cook Diehl, Sarah Lillian Mary Diffin, William Henry Diffin, Janet Evelyn Downes, Joseph Palmer Ephlin, Margaret Elizabeth Epihimer, Constanve Anne Ervin, Gerald Howard Francis, Joseph Walter Haenn, Charlotte Jule Harrison, Marian Anna Dinmore Johnson, Lemoine Garl Kelley, Mildred Lenora Livingston, Marjorie Joan Milton Lofgren, Samuel Burns Longstreet, Lola Joan Marcalis, Jane Gray McCormick, Gerald William Northwood, Richard Arnold Northwood, Robert James O'Mara, Gertrude Alma Johnson Orrell, Patricia Louise Palmer, Blanche Mary Smith Price, Verna Ann Rau, David George Reed, Jeanette Annie Reed, Patricia Inez Rowlings, Leona Johnson Simpler, Jack Robert Sminkey, Frank Martz Suplee, Robert John Tartala, William Donald Tustin, Judith Rae Watts, Barbara Ann Way, Charles Leonard Williams, Kenneth Westly Williamson, Lewis Filbert Williams, Frances Agnes Lagotie Williams

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the
Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Clara Hurst(Andri) VanDyke from Chapel of St. Giles, Upper Darby, Pa.; Clarence S. Barton from St. Stephen's Church, Norwood, Pa.; Raymond Watts from All Saints, Moyamensing Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; Thelma Watts from All Saints, Moyamensing Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; John Godfrey Lofgren from Church of Good Shepherd, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sandra Pauline Lofgren from Church of Good Shepherd, Pittsburgh.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: Albert Gauger Johnson, Jr. and Mary Catherine Craddock; Robert Sharp Thompson, Jr. and (Mrs.) Ruth Carter Stewart; Robert Lester Forrester and Betty Jean Kille; Clarence Seitz Barton and Jane Hamilton Wagner; Howard William Schultz and Ida

May Montgomery; Robert Lewis Kirschner and Elsie Marion Ferris; James McBride Jones and Jane Letitia Best; James Edward MacNeil and Mabel Beatrice Campbell.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Fay Davis, Henry W. VanLeir, George J. Atchison, Kate Knorr, Edward M. Broomall, Mary E. Kershaw, J. Warren Hughes, George C. Rauner, Jacob P. Boyce, Margaret G. Martin, John D. Salotti, Samuel L. McKnight, Cpl. Robert James Egan (U.S. M.C.), William Jarvis Fetters, Walter Louis Martin, Robert S. P. Baird, Richard S. G. Buchanan, Mary E. Wise, William F. Singer, Elsie Cristiono, Albert Bernhart Gadow, Sarah J. Rowles, Carl J. Kirk, Rachel E. Coulter.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling place in the paradise of God."

The members of two organizations, The Church Guild and the Woman's Auxiliary, have always made an annual contribution to the Vestry account, which money took care of certain items in the budget as, for instance, the fuel bill. This year these organizations have given very liberally to the Organ Fund (a total of \$900.00). Against a possible deficit in the Vestry account at the end of the fiscal year the Finance Committee is asking members of St. James to make a special offering for Current expenses. An envelope is enclosed for your use during the Summer Season. We trust that all envelopes will be presented on or before Sunday, October 3, 1948.

The Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 11 A.M. Other Sundays there is a celebration at 8:30 A.M. During August, when the Rev'd. Dr. Stockman will officiate at St. James, the early service will be at 8 o'clock. Kindly remind members of your family of this change of time for August only.

The Sunday Services of Evening Prayer have not been well attended. We have decided to have just one Service each month at 8 P.M., and that on the last Sunday. On special occasions there will be an Evening Service. On other Sundays there will be a period of devotions followed by the presentation and discussion of various topics. We wish to study the Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights; to examine a book on Mental Health; to continue studies in the Gospel according to St. John. These meetings will be held in the Parish House.

Two reminders regarding the Holy Communion:

1. When receiving hold your crossed hands breast high. Otherwise you make it very difficult for the Clergy who are administering the Sacrament.
2. Do not leave the Church until the Service is concluded with the Blessing.

World-wide Communion is the first Sunday in October. Since there will be no letter prior to that time, kindly check the date. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8:30 and 11 A.M.

At the Congregational meeting on May 19th it was decided to secure a new pipe organ for the Church. The Committee is formulating plans to raise the needed funds, and presently will be sending a letter to each member.

The Boys and Girls of the Sunday School use an envelope each month for their missionary contribution. Following Easter they conduct a bazaar and supper for their missionary fund. This year as the result of these activities, and the mite box offering, they were able to contribute \$900.00 at the Presentation Service on May 19th. They gave the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief \$250.00. In addition many other worthy causes are helped by the Sunday School Missionary Fund: \$25.00 were given to help a Church School in the far West procure a projector; various amounts were contributed to Church Army, et cetera. It is an inspiration to know that pupils and teachers are so vitally interested in the world-wide activities of the Church.

Since October 1941 approximately 1000 persons have signed slips indicating that they have made their Communion in this Church. Removing the names of those who have gone to the Greater Life there are now 888 names on the Parish Register listed as Communicants. There are many persons who attend St. James who have never informed the Rector of their having received the Holy Communion. If you have no recollection of having done so, will you kindly place your name and address on a piece of paper and place it with your offering, or give it to the Rector? We are most eager to keep our records up-to-date.

There are countless 'jobs' about our Church Property that are constantly being done by interested parishioners. Minor repairs, improvements, painting, clerical work, sewing, mending, these things are the contribution of a versatile congregation. For all such "labors of love", we are grateful.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING
Advent - 1948
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear people:

The season of Advent has been celebrated in the Church as a time to think about, and prepare for the Second Coming of Our Lord. Although Christians anticipate this event as the ushering in of a new era, the establishing of God's Kingdom on this earth, it does not imply that the faithful believe nothing can be done about the present world order. On the contrary those of us who profess the Name of Jesus believe that God the Father intends us to exert our efforts and use our abilities in correcting the wrongs that blight our civilization. God has given us the intellectual and spiritual resources wherewith to work out our social and political salvation. Many of us believe that the United Nations Organization with its many humanitarian activities is a long step in the right direction. Therefore, we solicit your interest and prayers on behalf of this World Federation, that there may be peace, and the opportunity for the good life for all men everywhere.

Because you cherish the hope of a better world, and because you honor Him who has brought so sure a hope into our lives, may this be a joyful Christmas Season for all of you.

Sincerely your friend and pastor

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER
July 1st to November 1st

BAPTISMS: Barbara Jean Brown, Robert Arthur Forbes, Dolores Marie Owens, Elizabeth Louise Woodward, Charles Wesley Carr, Jr., Joseph Francis Consolo, James Michael McNeill, William Vinten Phelps, June Elizabeth Smith, Eva Jeannette Madderson, Patricia Lee Engle, Raymond Milton Park, Thomas Charles Farmer, Shirley Rose Dippel, Jack Elmer Armstrong, Jr., Emily Clara Chapman, Carol Anne Mertz, Robert Edgar Ross, Eleanor Jean Nauss, Frank Robert Nauss, Carol Ann Hastings.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God,
and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Elizabeth Long Piccione; Elizabeth I. and Robert Piccione from St. John Evangelist, Phila., Pa.; Frank Raymond Moore, Mrs. Jean Margaret Schaffhauser Moore from St. James' Church, Hestonville, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Estelle Marie Brown Smith from All Saints', Moyamensing, Philadelphia, Pa.; Merritt Hollowbush from St. James' Church, 22nd & Walnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Martha Scott McKay from Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: Clifford William Smith and Grace Kathryn Fulker; Robert George Fish and Mary Catherine White; Thomas Molden Roney and Anna Elizabeth Lockhart; Harry Uber Bulley and Jean Elaine Humes.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Augustus W. Schwenke, John G. Whittington, Anna C. Broomall, Joseph Manderfield, Lewis F. Reyburn, George Wallace, Enos V. Brooks, Katherine Harding, William J. Patterson, John Forbes, Joseph Francis, A. Edwin Bramble, Elizabeth Donald, Amos J. Wise, Ruth Rice, August J. Sappington, Emma Scott.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling place in the paradise of God"

An envelope is enclosed for your Christmas Offering. Due to the Organ Fund Campaign a deficit threatens our Vestry account. So do not fail to use this envelope, May we appeal especially to those who have been remiss in their support during the year. Be liberal toward your Church!

It is with a deep sense of loss that we announce the death of Mr. Edwin Boggs of Norristown. Mr. Boggs was the Architect who planned the re-decoration of the Church.

At the time of writing this note the pledges and monies on hand for the Organ Fund total \$11,236.

In the packet of envelopes for 1949 is one for the Philadelphia Council of Churches, an interdenominational agency. We feel that many members of St. James would like to share in maintaining this work. Place your envelope in the plate and the Vestry will send one cheque, or send your subscription direct.

The Altar, Sanctuary Chairs, and Lectern until recently in the Chancel of St. James' are now being used in St. Luke's Chapel, Highland Gardens, Chester.

A question is frequently asked about the endowments of St. James Church. This modest sum, about \$70,000. has been accumulated almost entirely through the sale of graves in the Church Yard. About one-fourth represents perpetual care on the graves. The fund is in the custody of a Trust Company which remits the earnings (about \$2,200 per annum) to your Vestry. The principle of the fund cannot be drawn upon by the Vestry for any current expenses.

We copy this paragraph from a weekly program of St. James' Prospect Park:

"Don't worry about people not talking to you at the door of the Church. Rather, you worry about your not talking to other people. There are others just as lonely and just as strange as you are, waiting for a word of cheer or friendship from you. Friendliness is to be found by being friendly. No one can find friendship, who is not willing to give friendship. No friendship can be one-sided. People are just as anxious to have your friendship, as you are to have theirs. No church is cold, and no people are cold or unfriendly. Sometimes they are shy and retiring, but that does not mean that they are not anxious to have you share with them the friendship you are able to offer them."

The Rector is always ready to celebrate the Holy Communion for those Christians who by reason of infirmity are prevented from attending the Church Services. He regularly visits shut-ins during Lent and Advent for the Communion. If any are desirous of making their Communion, kindly notify him.

Everyone who attended the Woman's Auxiliary program "Chinese Night" on October 26th had a most interesting evening. A large display of Chinese articles, a talk by Miss Grace Chen, and appropriate refreshments made a full and enjoyable program.

On Sunday, October 31st, Miss Marion Ching, a graduate student in the School of Education, University of Pennsylvania, gave the Young People's Fellowship an excellent address on her native Hawaii.

Hereafter, the Holy Communion will be celebrated every Sunday at 8.30 A.M. Previously we have omitted this early celebration on the first Sunday of the month. Since the omission caused confusion we are making it possible for all who desire to make their Communion at the earlier hour each Lord's Day.

We are eager to have the names of all young men in the Parish inducted into the Military Forces. Will members of the family in each case kindly send the name and address to the Rector.

A prayer of dedication was used at the conclusion of the Service on June 20th for each of the following:

The Chancel Clergy Chair presented by Miss Jane Kershaw,

"To the Glory of God and To the Living Spirit of Members of the Kershaw Family. A.D. 1948"

The Prayer Desk presented by members of the several families,

"For the Worship of God and in loving memory of William J. Irwin, Mary J. Irwin, Eleanor J. McNaul, James D. Murphy, Mary H. Murphy, A.D. 1948"

The Literature Cabinet representing contributions by members of the Parish in 1947,

"To the Glory of God and the Congregation's Tribute to all the members of St. James who served in the Armed Forces World War II A.D. 1941 - 1945"

On January 21, 1949 Mrs. Elizabeth Dickman, 6437 Saybrook Avenue will be 96 years of age. It is a rare Sunday when Mrs. Dickman is not in her accustomed pew at St. James.

The Episcopal Hospital has entered into an operational agreement with the University of Pennsylvania for a period of four and one half years commencing January 1, 1949. Our support as a Church is still needed. The Harrison Home, the Chaplain, and a current deficit make it imperative that we continue our Thanksgiving Offering.

The Men's Club have scheduled their Minstrel Show for December 8th and 9th.

From the Lambeth Council Report:

"The great weakness of the Church is not that its members are too few, but that it has among its members too many who recognize no obligation to keep its rules" (p39)

"We must not call men back to God for the sake of saving civilization. Our civilization will probably perish unless men do turn to God; but the real, the Scriptural reason for a return to God is that God wants us and we need God". (page 39)

ST. JAMES' CHURCH KINGSESSING
Summer - 1949
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

I always enjoy writing this brief message for the Parish-family Letter. Perhaps it is because I feel that it is reaching more persons than any other thing that I say or write. Yes, over one thousand of you receive this letter. One is mailed to each husband and wife jointly, and every other confirmed person receives one. We are quite a sizable family, at least 1100 confirmed persons being on our mailing list, over 800 of whom we call Communicants. These "Communicants" are persons who receive the Holy Communion during the year, and who give evidence of active interest in the worship of the Church.

I am most eager at this time to write a few words about the Book of Common Prayer whose 400th Anniversary we have been celebrating. In our Lenten School of Religion we had two stimulating sessions on the Prayer Book under the leadership of the Rev'd. Philip T. Fifer. On two Sunday Mornings during May the Historical Background, and the Content of the Prayer Book were considered as the Sermon subjects. Reading Material has been made available in the Literature Cabinet. Still, we think, our people have not heard enough about this great book of worship, instruction, and devotion. Next to the King James version of Holy Scripture it has had more influence among English-speaking people than any book in the language. It is the most significant contribution of the Anglican Church to the literature of Christendom.

Keeping in mind all the glowing things that we could say about the Prayer Book, may we determine to study it, and to use it in these ways: 1. In Public Worship; 2. For Private Devotions; 3. Always as a gift for friends and family that many souls may have presented to them the fulness of the teachings of the Living Church of Christ.

With every good wish for a happy, and a refreshing Summer, I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

Each year the Vestry provides the means for members of the Choir to enjoy some special entertainment. Last year the Choir attended a professional ball game at Shibe Park. This year on the evening of May 27th the members, and several guests, together with the Choir Mothers and Choir Director spent a happy evening in the Big Tent watching the Circus.

THE PARISH REGISTER
February 19 to June 10, 1949

BAPTISMS: Daniel Edward Burr, Carol Ann Buddy, Eleanor Margaret Gonzales, Elizabeth Laurie Kendrick, William Henry Kendrick, Michael James Tittor, Diane Rose Hartman, Francis James Sweeney, Frances Elizabeth Engle, Cheryl Ann Garmela, Robert Kenneth Pigozzi, Robert Bruce Spence, George Raymond Spence, Arlie Clay Hopkins, Mark Alan Williams, Richard James Link, Robert Bruce Binkowski, David Alfred Bye, Mary Frances Bye, Fay Earline Edmund, Robert George Fish, Beverly Marie Hathaway, Susan Holland, Frances Marilyn Davidson, Sharon Ann Teed.

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CONFIRMATIONS: Arlene Phyllis Anthony, Thomas Biggard Anthony, Elizabeth Mae Bell, John Walter Brooks, Julia Wight Graham Buchanan, Frederick George Buck, Nancy Lois Carson, Harry Burns Conlin, Mary Ethel Conlin, William James Conner, Joseph Stewart Conway, Irene Elizabeth Cook, Albert Richard Davis, George Donald Dolan, Jr., James Raulston Dolan, Phyllis Jean Dougherty, Kathryn Elizabeth Dugan, Helen Kathryn Haas Dugan, Helen Jane Eppihimer, Lorraine Nancy Estell, Elizabeth Ann Farley, Mary Catherine White Fish, Frank Albert Fulmer, Frank Kohl Fulmer, Joseph Arthur Fulmer, Eleanor Smith Gonzales, Thomas Curtis Gonzales, Gertrude Helen McCurdy Hermann, Ethel Long Huhn, Carl Wilhelm Johnson, Herbert Olov Johnson, Mary Catherine Craddock Johnson, Miriam Pentland McKenzie Johnson, Jane Marie Jones, Emma Elizabeth Thompson Kendrick, Kathryn Francis Kerwood, Earl LeRoy Livingston, Madeline Marie Miles Lucy, Malcolm John MacNeil, Robert Charles McConnell, Janet Helen Evans McCurdy, Phyllis Louise McKenzie, Elmer Lee Morrissey, Charlotte Jane Montgomery, James Joseph Montgomery, Marian Eleanor Muller,

Edwin Thomas Murray, Richard Howard Myers, Nancy Elizabeth Needham, Janet Marie Northwood, Rita Ann O'Mara, Georgina Cameron Buck Palmer, Betty Rose Parfitt, Dorothy Irene Parfitt, Leona Almira Parker, Ray Lincoln Pearson, Alberta May Plummer, George Martin Price, Anna Stewart Henry Quick, Ellen Marie Quick, James Stewart Quick, Ellendale Garber Rhine, Sarah Myra Rhine, James Rothermel, Doris Alice Hazelton Sainsbury, Louise Desire Savin, Laura Elizabeth Signer Scargle, Louis John Schmehl, Leona Johnson Simpler, Frank Roland Smith, Jeanne Marion Stonehill Smith, Mary Genevieve Jordan Smith, Robert James Thompson, Ruth Carter Thompson, Veronica Warzewick Vanderberry, Charles Edward Warrington, Fred Lyman Wetherby, Joseph Young White.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Frances Hennessey Sweeney from Prince of Peace, 22nd & Morris Sts., Phila.; Lynn Charles Hermann from St. Joseph's Church, Port Allegany, Pa.; Elizabeth Stewart Jones from Prince of Peace Chapel, 22nd & Morris Sts., Phila.; Mrs. Mary Alley MacLearn from St. Anne's Church, Lowell, Mass.; Daniel Clifton MacLearn from Church of the Evangelists, Phila.; Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Johnson from St. John the Evangelist's Church, Lansdowne, Pa.; Josephine Elizabeth MacLearn from St. Anne's Church, Lowell, Mass.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: Gordon Alexander Bowers and Louise Gray Allen; Daniel Edward Burr and Jean Siuchta; Martin Adam Singer and Elsie Isabelle Laird.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Edmond C. Auner, Morris E. Berstler, Sarah Jane Hill, Helma Boyle, William Klinger, George B. Smith, Joseph Borden Marryott, Rosamond Carwardine, Amanda Ballantine, Helen Heil, Robert Nicholson, Baby Small, Martha Hargan, Bernard Donahue, George Whittle, Mildred Ambler, Christopher Copeland, Katherine G. Egner, Barbara Ann McManus, Joseph Pfaff, Harvey C. Masteller, Alexander Chambers, Dr. Anne H. Thomas, Clarence E. Prince.

"May their rest be in peace; and their dwelling place in the paradise of God."

Services during the summer months will be held at the usual hours. 8:30 A.M., The Holy Communion; 9:45 A.M., Sunday School; 11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer (Holy Communion on the first Sunday at this hour).

The maintenance of the Sparks Building is a considerable item in the Parish Budget. An income of approximately \$200.00 from an endowment is obviously inadequate for operating this much-used parish house. Each year the cost of maintaining this building (approximately \$1000.00 for fuel, light, supplies, painting et cetera) must be met out of the Vestry's account for current parish expenses. To help meet this need your Vestry is asking you to use the enclosed envelope for a special offering. Return this envelope at any time during the summer. We ask you to have them in by Sunday, October 2nd.

We shall observe World-wide Communion Sunday at St. James on October 2nd. Celebrations at 8:30 and 11 A.M.

At this writing \$10,401.00 has been paid into the New Organ Fund. \$3,154.50 is still due in pledges. The Chairman of the Committee has received estimates from four organ builders. After a thorough review of these estimates the Vestry will sign a contract. We hope that in the next Letter we shall be able to announce the Vestry's decision.

The New Pulpit, the gift of Mrs. George Crumback as a memorial to her late husband, is in process of construction. We have every hope of seeing it installed during the Fall.

Jottings about Parish Affairs:

The Sunday School Picnic at Woodside Park, Wednesday, July 20th. The John Bartram High School Class of June 1949 Baccalaureate Sermon was held in St. James Church on Sunday June 19th at 7:45 P.M. Perhaps you have already counted the number. Bishop Hart confirmed 78 persons in St. James Church on his Visitation Sunday May 29th.

During the Fall we intend to have a thorough every member canvass. We are eager to have every person in St. James, who has an income, contributing regularly of his substance for the maintenance of this parish, and for its missionary and benevolence accounts. Frankly, we are operating on an inadequate budget. Some of our staff are inadequately compensated, certain necessary repairs and improvements must be anticipated. These matters can easily be taken care of if every one of us will determine to contribute every week without fail. It may be that some who read this paragraph will immediately take a set of envelopes. An Usher will take care of your request at any service.

If you find that the occasional Parish-family letter does not contain enough news of what is going on at St. James ask someone who is able to be present every Sunday to mail you a copy of the program each week. All the current happenings are noted in it.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH KINGSESSING
December 1949
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Another Christmas is upon us bringing with it all the joyous experiences of the happiest season of the year: families gathered about a festive table; the exchanging of gifts; the enthusiasm of children; the satisfactions of parents. It is for us to let Christmas come and pass, engrossed in the spirit of holiday. The Festival of the Nativity, the entire season, is essentially "Holy Day". Lest we be entirely concerned with the social involvements of a busy season let us not forget that we have a duty to God and His Church. Let this be an occasion of drawing nearer to God. Four things are always necessary as we re-dedicate our lives, give back our selves, to the Eternal Father who gave mankind His Son: the aspiration of our souls for the Holy; the worship of our whole being before God; the exercises of our minds and hearts in spiritual devotion; the offering of our bodies and possessions for service.

Trusting that this will be your most joyous and inspiring Christmastide,
I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER
June 11 to December 1, 1949

BAPTISMS: Arthur Walter Ewell, Bruce Millet Ewell, Marilyn Louise Brown, Nancy Jane McLaughlin, Miriam Lillian Phillips, Franklin Mason Walter, Jr., James Leonard Woods, Jr., Stephen Paul Woods, Alfred Lucas Morrow, Rebecca Dolores Nauss, Jerry Bubenichik, Jr., Constance Joan Stollte, James Edward Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Irene Miller, James Robert Dugan, James Lloyd Beattie, Ruth Ann Henwood, Elaine Loving, Ralph William McKay, James Michael Coulter, Linda Dianne Edwards, Phyllis Ann Liu, Joseph John Marsella, Jon Howard Marsella, Gloria Jean Jones, Diana Lynne Hartzog, Emily Jane Doll Schoales, Frederick Joseph McCaul, Jr., Joseph Thomas Butkus, Jr., Robert Frank Pagan, John Robert Colgan.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Florence Colsher, Mr. James Colsher, Mrs. Mary L. Read from All Saints Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia.

"We have fellowship one with another".

MARRIAGES: William Plumley Boyce and Mildred Hannah Ruoff; John Thomas Baum and Sarah Theresa Boyd; Leslie Leroy Northwood, Jr. and Fay Earline Edmund; Carlos Monge and Karen Joy Bolton; John Colton Stauffer and Ruth Marie Patkimas.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Jessie Hahn, Elizabeth Jehle, Desire Eugene Malemont, Hannah Thornton, Katherine Becker, Elizabeth Tatem, Edward W. Campbell, William Milligan, Catherine Darwood, Adeline Scott Taitt, A. Erwin Lightcap, Reba B. Yerkes, Vera M. Hornberger, Sarah E. Wertman Ellis, William J. McKay, Charles William Bramble, James J. Show, Olive Freeman, Henry Hedinger, Emmett Miller, Katherine Young, Jennie Dennis Gardner, Mary Brooks, Barbara Luza, Charles B. Paulson, Ethel M. Moore, Benjamin F. Leach, Benjamin F. Kyle, Elizabeth Hooker, John Long, William H. Oesterlo, James Beattie, William Sees, Lester Tingle.

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We are asking all persons who come to make their communion at the 8:30 Sunday celebration to observe this procedure: persons seated in the South section of pews come first to the chancel (they are the pews on the Paschall Ave. side of the church). Then successively the centre pews, and lastly the north section (Woodland Ave.)

The Diocese has assigned \$3100.00 for this Parish to give for Missionary work during 1950. Since the General Convention has raised the Budget of the National Church Council by about \$2,000,000 it means that we shall be expected to raise our missionary giving to approximately \$4000.00. This will not be difficult if every envelope user will give as he has planned on every Sunday of the year. Please, do not let your envelopes get in arrears. With everyone giving regularly St. James will be able to meet its commitments.

The Rector is eager to have the names and addresses of all members of St. James newly enrolled in a college.

The paper "Making a Christian Will" is offered for your consideration. Certainly everyone of us should endeavor to make some provision in a will for the Church in her various needs.

If you have a message for the Rector please notify him by telephone or in writing. Sometimes people will give him, word-of-mouth, a message at the Church door. In speaking to scores of persons he can readily forget. Put it in writing, then he has a reminder.

An envelope is enclosed for a special Christmas offering. Your Vestry depends on this offering to keep the budget balanced. Persons who do not give regularly to the Church may find this a convenient way to make an annual contribution.

The Chairman of the Organ Committee, Mr. Earl Smith Sr., reports that he has received estimates from four Organ Builders. The committee plan to ask the Vestry to study the estimates and enter into a contract early in 1950. The money on hand is \$12,043.00. \$1,775.50 is still due in pledges.

Persons unable to attend a celebration of the Holy Communion may notify the Rector and he will arrange for a private service.

The new pulpit, designed by Mr. Henry Keire, is a memorial to the late George T. Crumback.

Schedule of Services for the Christmas Season

Sunday, December 18th

- 9:45 A.M. Presentation of Gifts for the King. Sunday School members present Tableaux in the Church. The Offering will be used to assist Mr. Simon Tsang, son of the Bishop of Henkow, China, who is at Church Farm School. Mr. Tsang plans to go on to Cornell to study agriculture. His intention is to found a farm school in China.
- 8:00 P.M. Carols by Candle-light in the Church. Invite your neighbors and friends.

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day.

- 8:30 A.M. Holy Communion
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Communion and Sermon
(No Evening Service.)

Wednesday, December 28th (Holy Innocents Day)

- 2:00 P.M. Primary Department Party in the Sparks Building
- 7:30 P.M. Christmas Party for the Upper School (4th Grade and over) Auditorium of the Sparks Building.

Bishop Remington will visit St. James on Sunday, February 26th, at 8:00 P.M. for the Rite of Confirmation.

Under Mrs. George D. Craig a group of about twenty girls meet as a branch of the Girls Friendly Society Juniors each Saturday morning at 10:30 in the Sparks Building. We need someone to assist Mrs. Craig. Who will offer her services?

A family, long associated with St. James Church, recently sent the Rector a check for \$1200. This was given as a token in the name of one of their family who had been called to the Greater Life. The Vestry has decided to use this most liberal offering to place a new roof on the Rectory.

A warning to Churchmen against contracting marriages with Roman Catholics was issued by General Convention in a resolution introduced and adopted in the House of Deputies on September 30th and passed by the House of Bishops on October 1st.

The resolution is: "Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that this Convention earnestly warns members of our Church against contracting marriages with Roman Catholics under the conditions imposed by modern Roman Canon Law, especially as these conditions involve a promise to have their children brought up in a religious system which they cannot themselves accept; and, further because the religious system, education, and spiritual training of their children by work and example is a paramount duty of parents and should never be neglected nor left entirely to others, we assert that in no circumstances should a member of this Church give any understanding, as a condition of marriage, that the children should be brought up in the practice of another communion."

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Yes, my people. I mean it, I am sorry for the men and women who do not attend the services of the Church. Spiritually they are not unlike a young man who enrolls at a college to get an advanced education, and then cuts his lectures. Sooner or later the young man comes to realize that his class-mates are going ahead in their work whereas he, if he doesn't change his ways, is going to fail in the times of testing, and be dropped from the rolls.

Regular attendance at Divine Worship is not just a matter of duty. That is the poorest reason for worshipping God. God wants us to be in His Church because we love Him, because we put Him first on the first day of the week (before washing the car, or fussing about the kitchen), because we are eager to hear His Holy Word, because we want to be with His people, because we want to grow in understanding and insight, because we are eager to live the Spirit-filled life, because we want to be His emissaries in meeting this world's problems, rather than to remain one of God's problems.

Where would you stand in a time of Spiritual testing? Do you really love God? Do you sincerely put God and His Will first in your life? What do you do to evidence your love for that which is Holy, Divine, Eternal? My brethren, think of these things.

With every wish for a happy and blessed Christmas, I remain

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The Rt. Rev'd J. Gillespie Armstrong, Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania, will make his first visitation to St. James Church on Sunday, December 17th, at 11:00 A.M. for a Service of Confirmation. We trust that all members of St. James will be present to greet Bishop Armstrong.

Services during the Christmas Season:

Sunday, December 17th 3:00 P.M. The Annual Service "Carols by Candlelight"

Sunday, December 24th 8:30 A.M. Holy Communion
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11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon

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10:00 A.M. Holy Communion (Choral) and Sermon

Wednesday, December 27th 2-4 P.M. Party for Primary Department of the Sunday School
7:30 P.M. Senior Department Entertainment and Party

St. James has been assigned \$4,030.00 as its share of the Diocesan commitment for missionary work within the Diocese, the Nation, and abroad. This money is raised primarily by those persons who contribute through the red side of the envelopes. Would you share in this great work of establishing the Church in newly populated areas in this country, and in strategic centres abroad? Ask for a packet of envelopes, and know that satisfaction of being part of the one world-wide movement that can inspire men with the love of God, and with zeal for His Kingdom.

We are eager to have the names and addresses of all the young men of St. James who are serving in the Armed Forces. Send the information to the Rectory, or give it to an usher at a Service of Divine Worship.

December, the month when your last income tax installment is paid. What about God's Church? Have you done your share to support it during 1950? Or have you, to be very frank, shirked your responsibility? Have you said to yourself, "Oh, let someone else pay for the Church." Have you said, "Well, I put fifty cents in the offering one Sunday last Spring." Isn't it a pity the way so many of us give God's Church so little when Life has given us so much!

And for those who use envelopes! Won't you, please, get them up-to-date by December 31st.

As you anticipate buying books or being asked about a book for a gift, consider this list:
The Life of Christ: volumes with various titles by Patterson-Smyth: W.R. Bowie, Milton Gursler.
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For further suggestions speak to the Rector, or Miss Bunting (Lo-4-1333). Do not buy your books of cultists. Get your reading from sources that assure you of scholarship and intelligence.

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- Anonymous

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Several years ago in preparing for the Every Member Canvass we stated that if every person gave an average of 16 cents per week on the Red Side of the envelope the Parish could meet its Missionary commitment to the Diocese. Some persons accepted this figure as their share so that the Finance Committee is regularly receiving pennies in some envelopes. We would suggest that such persons contribute only the coins of larger denominations, say 15 cents or 20 cents. That will help the committee members in making their computations.

Are you willing to use a set of envelopes to help in maintaining St. James Church? Speak to an Usher at any service, or let your interest be made known to Mr. Gilbert or Miss Jenks. A set will be mailed to you.

A parish committee has been formed to keep in touch with the members of St. James serving in the Armed Forces. Miss Hilda Ellis is the convener. Other members are: Messrs. Clarence E. Davis, George Norton, and Robert C. Acton, Sr. At this date there are 20 young men whom we know of serving with the colors. The committee plans to send appropriate literature, and occasional news-letters. Each member of the parish is eligible to receive the Episcopal War Cross which may be worn with the official identification tag. Parishioners will help the committee by sending the names and addresses of all young men inducted into the military forces.

An envelope is enclosed for your special Easter Offering. May your giving represent thoughtfulness during Lent, a genuine conviction concerning the worth of God's Church, and an earnest desire to express your gratitude for the gift of life by a liberal return to the Lord God for what He has given you.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held in the Parish House, 68th St. and Woodland Avenue. on Easter Monday, March 26, 1951 at 8 P.M.

"The members of the Corporation, who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestry men and upon all questions which may come before any meeting of the Corporation, shall be all lay, baptized and confirmed persons of the age of twenty-one years or upwards who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual place of public worship for one year and upwards, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the Corporation during each of two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting not less than (\$5.00) five Dollars."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are Mr. Earl Mills, Mr. Robert M. Smith, Mr. T. Raymond Smith. (These same gentlemen are eligible for re-election since the By-Laws place no restrictions on Vestrymen succeeding themselves.)

Holy Week Services will be announced in the Sunday programs, and in the religious advertisements of the Saturday newspapers. We would remind you of the Good Friday Services 12:00 - 3:00 P.M. The Choir presents Strainer's "The Crucifixion" 1:30 - 3:00 P.M.

Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at 6:30; 8:00 and 11:00 o'clock.

Many of you very kindly place an offering in the Communion Alms envelope each month. These monies are used by the Rector to meet appeals where there is worthy need. Not only are persons in the Congregation given assistance (when it is known), but people in the Community are helped. Besides this the Rector is able to send money in your name to various agencies: American Leprosy Mission, Church Schools, The Church Army, a Settlement House that provides for indigent men, et cetera. This fund meets a real need, and has helped many a person in a difficult situation. Will all who contribute consider this paragraph as an appreciative "Thank you" from the Rector on behalf of all who have been beneficiaries.

The Rector's Discretionary Fund is an account that provides the Rector with monies to underwrite various items not ordinarily provided for in the parish budget. Prayer Books given to the Confirmation Class, other literature for distribution, maintenance of the automobile, contributions not of a charitable nature, and sundry expenses are provided for by this Fund.

Mrs. Adelaide Stryker Sturdevant who has been a member of St. James for many years was visiting a clergyman relative last summer. The members of the family were looking through old family letters and came upon one addressed to Mrs. Sturdevant's father, The Rev'd. John B. Stryker. It was from the Vestry of St. James Church of Kingsessing, dated in the 1860's, inviting him to become Rector of this parish. (The salary was to be \$1500.00 per year. Doubtless a liberal stipend for that era.) But Mr. Stryker declined the invitation, accepting instead a parish in Easton, Maryland where Mrs. Sturdevant was born.

A group of men have been meeting once each month for reading and discussion. A portion of the session is used for the study of St. John's Gospel. The remainder of the evening is devoted to the consideration of a religious book. On the last two meetings Prayer was the topic. All interested men are welcome. There is no formal organization. Announcement concerning the next session will be in a Sunday program. If you wish to sit in on these discussions give your name and address to the Rector and you will be notified about the next date.

Some years ago a parishioner who was grievously afflicted wrote to me about her plight. I wrote "X" this note:

My dear "X":

You ask me in your letter if God is making you pay for the sin of someone else. Well, that is something I cannot answer. All of us, to be sure, suffer because of the weakness of our flesh, and possibly all of our ancestors are at fault.

Two things you must remember: very, very few people are free from bodily discomfort. Nearly all of us have a 'thorn in the flesh.' In the second place, one thing that determines our true Christianity is the attitude we take toward sickness and suffering. I must say, "Even though I am not so strong as I wish, I shall live my life to love and glorify God." So keep sweet, and be patient. God will bless you in every so many ways.

Sincerely,
James C. Gilbert

It was several years later that "X" came to see me. In the course of her conversation she referred to the letter (which I had forgotten). She said the letter was such a comfort to her and that she read it frequently. The condition of the paper was evidence enough that it had been in constant use. I am publishing it here thinking that it may be a source of assurance and comfort to someone else.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
Summer 1951
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

The matter of greatest importance to us as a Diocese is the preaching Mission planned for December 2nd to 11th. It will be held in Convention Hall, and it is confidently expected that 12,000 persons will be present each night. The Reverend Bryan Green, a Priest of the Church of England, will be the missionary.

Similar missions have been held in Boston, New York, and Washington. Each was very successful. Nominal Christians were inspired to zealous discipleship. Indifferent persons were won to the Church; all who attended were moved to deeper consecration.

The Mission will be conducted in a manner that you as Episcopalians would expect of your Church. A noted Lutheran clergyman having attended the services in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City remarked that in his opinion only the Episcopal Church should hold such affairs. There was nothing sensational, no attempt to do anything to violate one's sense of dignity, every statement and appeal was just, and conformable to the teachings of Our Lord.

The responsibility for the success of the mission is yours and mine. We must pray for it, and for the missionary. We must plan to attend. What is more important we must plan to take someone with us: a member of our family, a friend, anyone who knows not a saving faith in Our Lord.

Let us begin now. Consider the person or persons you are going to invite. Pray for them. God will open a way for you to be his emissary in this work of winning His children back to Him.

Incidentally, we are asking all organizations to cancel their meetings during that period. We intend that the members of the organizations will use the night to attend the mission.

With every good wish for a pleasant and refreshing summer, I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

Pray Daily for the Mission

We pray thee, O God, for thy blessing upon the Church's work of evangelism. Use it, we beseech thee, to open our eyes to the needs of men for the Gospel of Christ, and to the opportunities that lie before the Church to extend his Kingdom. Stir up, O Lord, the wills of all thy people to share in this work with gladness of heart and self-sacrificing spirit. Let not our purpose slack, but let the kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of our God and of his Christ.
AMEN.

Every year we are confronted with the matter of maintaining the Sparks Building as part of our parish budget. An income of about \$275.00 from an endowment is obviously inadequate since the cost for fuel, lighting, cleaning, and repairing always exceeds \$1000.00 per annum. This year the painting of the roof alone will cost over \$400.00. We are, therefore, asking you to use the enclosed envelope to help defray the expenses of this much-used parish house. Kindly return the envelope on or before October 28th.

Services during the summer at the usual hours 8:30 A.M. the Holy Communion; 9:45 A.M. Sunday School; 11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon (Holy Communion on the first Sunday at this hour)

THE PARISH REGISTER
February 15 to May 31, 1951

BAPTISMS: Diane Joan Weidman, James Allen Fish, Edward Joseph Nauss, Andrew James Chester, Jr. Adele Marian Jackson, Donna Lynne Kirkpatrick, Vera Patricia Nelson, Linda Elaine Lewis, Albert Edward Brindley, Jr., Bonnie Lee DeHart, Deborah Champion, Howard Shaffer Hauser, Francis Samuel Vile, Lynne Susan Kirschner, Ruth Ellen Maurer.

"Wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God,
and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Maude Darrah, Howard Crain Mount, Marian Mount, James A. McCullough and Jennie Agnes Darrah McCullough from the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion; Margaret J. Kramer Dolan from Holy Apostles and the Mediator.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: Robert Jones and Elizabeth Ann Farley; George Henry Fredericks and Marjorie Irene Smith; Robert Taylor Wilson, Jr. and Joan Barbara Bulley.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: George H. Nelson, James Thompson, John LaBriola, Clarence F. Buell, John Henry Groth, Albert Jones, Elizabeth Hess, George W. MacDade, Kristine S. Samuelson, Harry M. Myers, Mary Yocum Hunter, James R. Moody, Waino A. Koivisto, Jennie Agnes McCullough, David McCarty, William E. Dougherty, Deborah Ward, William C. Bohrer, Martha T. Kemp, James B. Cochran Sr., John Quigley, Sarah Davis, Helen Leach, Lynne Susan Kirschner, Matilda Atchison, Elizabeth R. Egee, Imogene K. Holden, Alfred T. Ambler, Edward J. Mahoney, Rudolph George Fei.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place
in the paradise of God."

Members of the family of the late William Shaw have presented the Vestry with \$500.00 to be added to the Endowment Fund of St. James Church. Mr. Shaw was a Vestryman for many years, having served for a time as Accounting Warden. He had expressed the wish that his surviving heirs remember St. James Church from the residue of his estate, hence this liberal contribution.

The clergy of the Episcopal Church were asked to present a Sermon on the subject of Theological Education on a Sunday during January. The following is an excerpt from the address in St. James:

"Seminaries ——— lack of space, lack of money, lack of everything except students has handicapped these schools tremendously.

"Yes, it is too bad that seminaries have to turn men away because they cannot accommodate them. The Church needs young men, it needs the best men available, intelligent, self-sacrificing, spiritually-minded men of sound and liberal education. The Church has to have faculties of able, learned priests to train these men. It has to have money for the task.

"I say very honestly that if I had a fortune I would use it above all other philanthropic causes to provide for the seminaries of the Church. That is where the need is critical. That is where monies can do most good."

The letter concerning the Diocesan Advancement Fund which you received during May was not sufficiently explicit concerning contributions other than pledges. Pledges were suggested in the amount of 25, 50 or 100 dollars. Persons unable to commit themselves for such sums may make a contribution in any amount of money. That was the reason for enclosing an envelope. If any, reading this paragraph, would like to give something use any envelope marking it, "Advancement Fund" and place it in the offering.

More and more parishioners avail themselves of the opportunity to receive the Holy Communion at the 8:30 o'clock service each Sunday. We commend this way of commencing one's week: an evidence of one's faith by participating in the offering of the Holy Eucharist (Thanksgiving), and by receiving the spiritual food of the Altar.

Will you endeavor to keep your envelope contributions up-to-date during the summer? It is a great convenience to the Finance Committee to have an income sufficient to meet current expenses.

On Easter Day \$12.00 was received in the Offering for the Organ Fund. Unfortunately the donor (or donors) is not identified. If anyone recalls making such a payment (it may have been two persons making payment) on or about Easter Day kindly speak to an usher, giving him the data. The matter can then be checked with the Organ Fund accounts.

The Vestry has agreed to sponsor three more persons who have been in Germany since the War. Mrs. Konovolovs and her daughter Olga are now living with Miss Alice Makin. Miss Konovolovs is employed at the Episcopal Hospital. The three persons who will be coming are Mr. Edouard v.d. Oster-Sacken, Mrs. Edouard (Konovolovs) Oster-Sacken, and their 6 year old son Andreas. Mr. Oster-Sacken is an engineer, having specialized in electronics. A Philadelphia business man has guaranteed him employment. We at St. James rejoice that we are able to assist in re-uniting this family.

Have you not often thought about various matters concerning your religious life, and wished that you could hear the minister talk about such in his sermon. Sometimes we clergy have heard people say something like this, "I would like to know what the Church teaches about "Divorce and Re-Marriage," or "The Life after Death," or "The Holy Trinity." Just as often the minister thinks or says, "If you had been present on a certain Sunday you would have heard a sermon on that very topic. In the course of a year a clergyman usually covers a large area in his sermons. He will have a certain number of discourses on Personal Religion, The Doctrines of the Church, Contemporary problems and their relation to the Christian Way of Living, et cetera. Here are some of the topics that we have expounded from the Pulpit of St. James during the past year: "Religious Education;" "Christian Doctrine" (a series "God;" "Man;" "Original Sin;" "Sin and Redemption;" "The Resurrection and the Future Life;" "Judgement;" "Hell;" and "Heaven"); "Why do Christians Pray?"; "Courtesy;" "In Quietness and Confidence Shall be Your Strength;" "Gambling is Covetousness," et cetera. We do endeavor to teach as we preach. And we are eager to get suggestions from parishioners who would like to have a relevant subject presented in the pulpit.

The following resolutions were adopted by the 167th Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May 1, 1951. "WHEREAS the House of Bishops of this Church has condemned gambling in any form as a means of raising money for the support of the church's work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That this Diocese in Convention assembled does likewise condemn gambling in any form as a means of raising money for the support of the Church's work.

WHEREAS several bills have been introduced into the legislature of this Commonwealth which would, if adopted, legalize gambling in various forms.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That this Diocese in Convention assembled condemns the practice of gambling and any move to legalize it."

Since the Diocesan Convention has adopted these resolutions we shall conform in a way that will elicit no possible criticism. At St. James we do have card parties, although there has been no playing for prizes. Door prizes have been given on such occasions. Hereafter we shall even omit them. When we have card parties we shall offer our guests just the pleasure of playing, the good fellowship, and the usual refreshments.

There are on the Rector's list of persons to be visited for a celebration of the Holy Communion between twenty-five and thirty names. Heretofore, the Rector has endeavored to have the service during the Easter and Christmas seasons. Obviously, arranging a schedule for so many private celebrations taxes the time available during busy weeks. Hence the decision hereafter to spread these visits over a longer period. Persons who cannot come to the Church to receive the Holy Communion will be visited sometime during the Fall and early Winter weeks, and again during Lent and the late Spring season. Of course, a notice is always sent apprising each person of the appointed time. The Rector would appeal to those who can by any means attend a Celebration in the Church to do so, rather than expect him to visit them for a Private Service.

During the past year three persons have spoken to the Rector indicating their intention of leaving their worldly possessions to St. James Church. We rejoice that there are parishioners who have such confidence in the mission of their parish church. All of us should make provision in our will for a bequest to a Church or Church Agency.

Do you know of neighborhood children who do not attend a Sunday School? If you can do so invite them to come to St. James with you. In any case let either the Rector or Miss Jenks know about the family. A visit may inspire their interest.

Many friends of St. James very kindly send an offering through the mail. Occasionally there is no address noted. Since we like to acknowledge such gifts we would suggest that donors include their addresses.

Jottings:

World-Wide Communion Sunday - October 7th. Celebrations at St. James at 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.
The Sunday School Picnic on Wednesday, July 18th, Clementon Lake Park, N. J.
We are expecting the new organ to be installed during September or October.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
Fall 1951
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

The National Council of the Church asks us as a parish to conduct an Every Member Canvass during the Fall of each year. The Canvass serves a dual purpose: it acquaints parishioners with the over-all budget and program of the National Church; it enables a Vestry to estimate the parish income for the succeeding year.

We shall not have a house to house solicitation at St. James. But we are enclosing a card for you to sign indicating your willingness to take envelopes and therewith contribute regularly for the maintenance of the Church. Will you kindly return your card as soon as convenient. Mail it to St. James Church, or place it in the offering at any service of Divine Worship.

This added appeal to your liberality: Everyone knows that living costs are increasing. So is the cost of maintaining the Church in her many activities. Hence our personal contributions should increase. Each of us should set apart a definite proportion of his income for God's work. Some Christians tithe (give one tenth of their income). That is a worthy objective for all of us. Whatever the amount that we can set aside for the Church let us give regularly so that the Vestry can rely on a steady income to meet current bills. And may our giving be sufficiently liberal to enable the Church to pay her employees wages that compare with those paid in business. And may we never fail to use the Red side of our envelopes. Such monies are used for the work of the Church outside our own parish.

As we approach the Christmas Season may we be more and more aware of the significance of God's sending His only Begotten Son into the World that in Him men might have life. As we Christians celebrate the Nativity of our Blessed Lord let ours be the kind of festivity that will impel others to realize that the Season is primarily a meaningful religious occasion. The Day and Season have become so secularized that its real purpose and the Divine Event that has occasioned it, have been lost or veiled amid the irrelevant activities of a calculating world of business and pleasure.

Sincerely your friend and Pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

We are hopeful that this Parish-family Letter reaches you before the conclusion of the Bryan Green Mission (December 2nd - 12th). Do not fail to attend on such evenings as you possibly can. Invite your friends. The Missioner can be the means of converting the unbeliever, of inspiring the luke-warm Christian, of deepening the faith of the faithful.

Each evening a hymn sing at 7:30 The place: Convention Hall, 34th Street south of Spruce Street.

THE PARISH REGISTER
June 1 to November 6, 1951

BAPTISMS: Janet Dorothy Lake, David Patchell Robinson, Richard Joseph Erdmann, Gaye Lee Shyne, John Roger Miller, Jr., Frank Jones, Jr., Janice Marie O'Neill, William Paul Morgan, May Beth Yeskoot, Robert Charles Crain, Linda Marie Kelly, Robert Burton Kelly, Dale Leslie Lambillotte, Lillian Elizabeth Miller, Elizabeth Ida Humphries, Kathleen Marie Lloyd, Kathryn Marie Tennyson, Carol Ann Kerechuk, Kenneth Paul Springer, Dorothy Jean Farmer, David Andrew Fitzgerald, Linda Margaret Monge, Elizabeth Ann Ross, Lynne Carol Simpkins, Gail Catherine Sweeney, Joan Margaret Robertson, Walter Jackson Robertson.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God,
and an inheritor of the kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Earle Bensing, Jr.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Lillian Estelle Batson, Mrs. Mary A. Patsell from Church of the Redemption, 56th & Market Streets; Mrs. Margaret E. Fisher Crelling from St. James' Church, Stanton, Delaware; William Lorenzo Donley from Grace Church, Kingston, Pa.; Mrs. Marion Unruh Freeman O'Neill from St. James' Church, 22nd & Walnut Streets, Philadelphia; James Henry Rhine, Jr., Mrs. Jane Rementer Rhine, James Henry Rhine III from St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, Pa.; Mrs. Clara Virginia Batson Swahl from Church of the Redemption, 56th and Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: Albert Weigand Tustin, Jr., and Frances Virginia Reigh; William Augustus Neimeyer and Eleanor Louise Johnson; Joseph Thomas Jeffers and Eleanor Lillian Doyle; Robert Earl Delany and Eleanor Rebecca Ferris; Gilbert Raymond Lock and Janet Maryagnes Hood.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Katherine E. Everly, Walter E. Morrow, Sr., Theodore J. Bickel, Sr., Bertha M. Manypenny, Harry F. Miller, Raymond W. Hamel, Mary S. Anderson, Rosa Du Commun, John L. Clark, Blanche E. Smith, Herbert Hardiman, Joseph H. Oldham, Jennie Henry Dunlevy, Sarah Johnston, Andrew Wilson, Jr., Richard Johnson, Edith Green, Harry L. Huson, Walter M. Brooks, Harry W. Ellis, Elmer Jay Walbridge, Wendell T. Powell, Mary Mandos, Ignata B. Chestnut, John W. Farrington.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place
in the paradise of God."

Mrs. Estelle Lunn and the members of the Bible Class are arranging to care for children in the Sparks Building each Sunday during the 11 o'clock service. We are extending an invitation to parents to make use of this opportunity for them to attend Divine Worship at that hour.

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas contribution. This offering will help greatly in enabling the Vestry to balance the books for the year.

SERVICES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Sunday December 23rd 8:30 A.M. Holy Communion
 9:45 A.M. Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon
 8:00 P.M. The Annual Service "Carols by Candlelight"
 (The Rev'd N.B. Groton D.D. Rector, St. Thomas Church, Whitmarsh, Will be the Preacher).
 Tuesday, December 25th 7:00 A.M. Holy Communion
 10:00 A.M. Holy Communion (Choral) and Sermon
 Thursday, December 27th 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. Party for the Primary Department of the Sunday School
 7:30 P.M. Senior Department Entertainment and Party

The Rt. Rev'd William P. Roberts who is assisting Bishop Hart will visit St. James on Sunday, March 2, 1952 at 8 P.M. for the Rite of Confirmation. There is still time for interested persons to receive instruction. Such persons may speak to the Rector, or to an Usher at any service.

One of the conspicuous services rendered by a member of St. James during the past year has been Mr. Clarence E. Davis's interest in these parishioners who are with the Armed Forces. Mr. Davis keeps in personal touch with the fellows. Not only does he correspond with them but each week sends a copy of the Globe-Times and a copy of the Church program. As each young man is inducted into the Service Mr. Davis sees that he receives a "Soldier and Sailor's" Prayer Book and an Episcopal service Cross to be worn with the "dog tags." The service-men express great satisfaction in their being remembered by a fellow-parishioner. All of us thank Mr. Davis for his tireless activity on behalf of the boys. (Doubtless they will be reading this Parish-family Letter - in Japan, Korea and elsewhere. Mr. Davis will see that a copy is sent to each.)

We would insert a paragraph for the "military." During the summer the Rector wrote a letter for each of the boys. We trust that each received his copy. The fellows are missed greatly at St. James. Each Sunday at the early celebration of the Holy Communion we remember some by name in a special prayer. This is the prayer:

O Almighty God, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, Protect and assist, we beseech Thee, all those who at home or abroad, by land, by sea, or in the air, are serving this country, (especially do we remember the young men of this parish ———) that they being armed with Thy defence, may be preserved evermore in all perils; and being filled with wisdom and girded with strength, may do their duty to Thy honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

October first was the tenth anniversary of the Rectory Family's residence at St. James. The years have gone rapidly. They have been busy years. Some things have been accomplished. The re-decoration of the Church nears completion. After the Pipe-organ is installed there will be the matter of carpeting the aisles, Chancel and Sanctuary. Of course, much remains to be done: a Sacristy for the Chancel Guild and adequate vesting quarters for the Choir are needed. The present belfry (obviously intended to be only a temporary structure) will have to be replaced. The basement of the Sparks Building should be modernized for Sunday School and organization activities. The lovely Church yard should be planted with shrubbery fitting for a colonial Church. Yes, there is much yet to be accomplished at St. James. These things all have to do with the physical appurtenances for our worship and varied parish activities. The spiritual opportunities are inestimable. There are thousands of people within the sound of our Church bell who know not the inspiration and joy of the Christian Fellowship. So, while we plan to beautify and modernize our lovely property, we must ever be on the alert to bring others to the Church of God.

A note in passing that may interest you: during the incumbency of the present Rector (October 1, 1941 to September 30, 1951) there have been recorded in the Parish Register:

628 Baptisms
 407 Confirmations
 177 Marriages
 607 Burials.

We must add a word about our giving "For others". From an annual contribution of \$300.00 for work outside the parish there has been a gradual increase. Thus far for during 1951 the Accounting Warden has sent cheques for these purposes:

Church Farm School (Partial Scholarship)	\$ 300.00
Divinity School (Scholarship for Japanese Clergyman)	400.00
Divinity School (Annual Contribution)	150.00
Diocesan Advancement Fund (in cash against total pledges)	1402.00
Parish Quota for Missions (including contributions by parish organizations for various committees)	4032.11
Miscellaneous contributions	187.00
	\$ 6531.11

These monies have been made available through the Sunday School projects, private contributions, and those who use the Red side of the weekly envelopes. May each of us thank God that we as a congregation are able and eager to assist in thus sustaining the work of His Church.

By the time this letter has been mailed we shall be using the new pipe-organ. The committee under the leadership of Mr. Earl A. Smith, Sr. has accomplished a challenging task. Every matter has been considered and planned with meticulous care. The workers have all been keenly interested. We think the design of the chambers is most fitting for the Church. The construction in every detail has been faultless. The enthusiasm of the men who have installed the instrument has been as genuine as our own. The painters who did the decorating voiced their satisfaction in adding to the lovely attractiveness of old St. James.

The Chimes in the new organ are a memorial to the late John Moore, for many years a Vestryman of St. James Church; Isabella Moore, a devoted parishioner and a member of the Ladies Guild; and to Ethel May Moore their daughter who had taught in the Sunday School, had sung in the Choir, and since its organization, had been actively interested in the Daughters of the King.

Members of the Moore family are responsible for this accessory to the new organ. As a congregation we are grateful for this gift.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1952
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

We are constantly confronted with the statement that in our generation mankind is experiencing a grave "crisis." Popularly the issue is labelled "Communism versus Democracy." It is assumed that organized Communism is atheistic and despotic, whereas Democracy is theistic, and espouses individual freedom. We think that authors and orators who thus crystallize the matter fail to evaluate the issue properly. The problem that our race has to face is not essentially organized Communism. Rather it is godless secularism. (Webster defines the common use of the word secularism thus: "Any view of life, education, et cetera or any policy or program referring to such based on the premise that religion and religious considerations, as of God and the future life, should be ignored or excluded.") Communism is just the mask that Secularism wears in our time. If and when organized Communism is dissipated be sure that some other "ism" will appear. And once again it will be a mask, a new adornment, covering the satanic features of godless secularism.

There is only one preventive for the disintegrating influences that secularism causes in any society. That one preventive is the collective "power-for-good" that is evidenced by people who encourage and participate in the worship and work of the Church of God. It is only by means of the inspiration and zeal that come to the people of God that life is raised from barbaric cruelty and selfish ambition to the level of humane consideration for others, and noble virtue in every man's conduct. As Christians we maintain that all men need to know conversion to Christ, and zealous discipleship in that great brotherhood of believers which is the Church.

Being a nominal Christian does not save you from the beguilements of secularism. You have to be convicted, courageous, determined, assertive in your Churchmanship. Standing on the side-lines and letting others assume the responsibility of doing God's work will save neither this world from chaos, nor your soul from confusion and condemnation. Let every one of us, having made a solemn vow to "follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour," realize that he is a participant in a cosmic conflict. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God" (Ephesians 6:12)

If Lent has lost its former meaning of "Prayer and Fasting" it can take on new meaning if we use it for "Prayer and renewed inspiration, enlightenment and zeal."

May this Holy Season be for you a time of Spiritual refreshment, new aspirations, and challenging endeavors in the name of the Lord Christ.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th Street and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, April 14, 1952 at 8 P.M.

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As of December 31, 1951 Mr. Robert C. Acton Sr. resigned from the Vestry. As authorized by the By-Laws the Vestry elected Mr. Howard E. Cosgrove to serve until the next Congregational meeting. It becomes, therefore, the business of the Congregation to elect the person who shall serve for Mr. Acton's unexpired term (i.e. until Easter Monday 1953)

An envelope is enclosed for your special Easter Offering. "Ye shall not appear before the Lord empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." Deuteronomy 16:16, 17.

Holy Week Services will be announced in the Sunday programs, and in the religious advertisements of the Saturday newspapers. We would remind you of the Good Friday Services

12:00 - 12:30	Children's Service
12:30 - 1:30	Meditation on Our Lord's Passion
1:30 - 3:00	Stainer's "The Crucifixion"

Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at 6:30; 8:00 and 11:00 o'clock.

Wednesday, April 30th the annual Sunday School Bazaar and Supper. Reserve the date and come to encourage the boys and girls in this worthy project. Each year the pupils of the Sunday School through their mite boxes, missionary envelopes, and Bazaar and Supper raise a considerable fund for missionary and benevolent purposes. The Teachers and Officers of the Sunday School have set the objective for our offering at the annual service for the presentation of the Mite-box offering at \$1200.00.

For several years we have had an annual visitation by the Rev'd. Dr. Alfred W. Price, Rector of St. Stephen's Church. On these occasions Dr. Price has brought a message of hope and inspiration for all, and conducted a service of The Laying on of Hands for Divine Healing. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Price will be at St. James on Sunday April 20th, 8:00 P.M.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSSESSING
SUMMER 1952
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Recently Time magazine told the story of an Episcopal clergyman who renounced his orders and entered the Roman Catholic Church. The clergyman gave several reasons for his action. Quoting the article we read, "He felt himself equally helpless even to enforce some of the explicit rules of the Church, e.g. the "bounden duty" of every Episcopalian to attend services on Sunday. Says Kernan: "The laity may do almost anything they want....If you tell them that something's their bounden duty, they're liable to get sore at you—."

Father Kernan summed up his personal dilemma: "Authority means law which is enforceable. There is an absolute lack of authority in the Episcopal Church—."

We sympathize with this clergyman in his despair at the indifference of vast numbers of Episcopalians to their "bounden duty" as members of Christ's Church. However, we do not think the answer lies in the Church's assuming a dictatorial position and making claims and statements that have no warrant in Our Lord's teachings. Thus we find it difficult to justify the requirement of auricular confession in preparation for receiving the Holy Communion, or to accept the position that one who, being able, has failed to participate in offering the Sacrifice of the Mass on the Lord's Day is in a state of mortal sin. We do not think that the Church ever was or ever will be effective in accomplishing God's purpose by threatening and commanding the members of the body of Christ. A wise old clergyman said that he would rather influence than command. Most of us Episcopalians feel that that is the mission of the Church: to influence rather than command. Discipline must be self-imposed. The Church holds before us the pattern of Christian conduct: love toward God and man, congregational worship on the Lord's Day, faith and virtue, study and prayer, charity and good works. But you and I must discipline ourselves to live a life consistent with our profession. We fulfill God's will not by submitting ourselves to threat-laden ecclesiastical authority, but by disciplining ourselves after the pattern of Christ's life because we love God and desire to serve and please Him.

I know that some who read this have seldom thought about self-discipline. Too many nominal Christians (as well as those who profess no Faith) live by convenience and whim. Such an attitude is evidence of lack of conviction and character. We must discipline ourselves!

The Church will survive. "The gates of Hades will not prevail against it." It will survive because there are members of the Body of Christ who discipline themselves in accordance with the known will of God. May we, the members of St. James, increasingly be a people committed to the Way of Our Lord, loyal to every requirement of the Church, not because we live under threat or dread, but because we are impelled by the Love of God.

Trusting that you will have a pleasant Summer, I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

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BAPTISMS: Jeanette Margaret Morrissey, James Edwin Smith, James Edwin Smith Jr., Edmund Arthur Lunn, Deborah Ann Small, Christine Dorothy Chester, Gregory Reed, Janice Adele Stief, Barbara Mae Bunting, Joseph Albert Jeffers, Catherine Jean Whisman, Margaret Elizabeth Bickel, Lynne Marie Dress, Eleanore Carol Hauser, Charles Edward Marker, Edward Joseph Butkus, William Howard Schultz, Neil Albert Jones.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God,
and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Elsie Marie McCullough.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Grace Hansen Toyer from Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, 57th & Baltimore Avenues, Philadelphia.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: William McNair Smullen and Kathryn Mae Bair; Addison Taylor McCarrick, III and Gloria Womer Robinson; Joseph Charles Fanning and Florence May Cassidy; James Frank Brookson and Vivian Agnes Healy; Claude Sutler Everett and Miriam Olive Bouch; John Winfield Chestnut Jr. and Henrietta Anna Lewis; John Carroll Hickey, Jr. and Joan Margaret Robertson.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Alice Campleman, Frank Batchelor, May Laycock, Gertrude Schaeffer.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place
in the paradise of God."

There has been some misunderstanding concerning the Organ Fund account. On the occasion of the dedication of the instrument the Chairman of the Organ Committee, Mr. Earl A. Smith sr., announced that the "Organ" was paid for. That did not mean that there was sufficient money on hand to meet all bills incidental to the installation; the erection of two chambers, rearranging the choir stalls, et cetera. Here is a statement of the account as of this date:

Cost of organ as per contract	- \$ 12,840.00
Erecting chambers, et cetera	3,960.70
	<u>\$ 16,800.70</u>
Receipts from all sources	<u>15,867.30</u>
Deficit	\$ 933.40

Some monies are due against pledges. But there will still be a deficit _____ if all pledges are paid. To that end we are enclosing an envelope for you to use during the summer. We trust that every one will endeavor to accumulate a liberal offering in these envelopes. If every confirmed person who has an income would contribute \$5.00 the deficit could be wiped out. Any balance will be placed in the Re-decoration Fund against re-painting the Church interior (walls and ceiling, at least) and carpeting the aisles, chancel and sanctuary.

Additional envelopes are in the Literature Cabinet. Kindly return this (or any envelope properly inscribed) not later than October 12th.

It is with great regret that we note the death on June 9th of Mr. Daniel Miller who for over fifteen years was the senior Sexton of St. James Church. Dan had been under the surgeon's care since November. He manifested great patience during his illness. Hope kept him cheerful and expectant unto the end. His passing was as quiet as slumber.

We would pay tribute to Dan's devotion to his work at St. James. He was dependable, diligent, conscientious. The lovely Churchyard when it looked its best with flowering shrubs and well-trimmed grass was his monument. May God grant him the reward that comes to those who have been faithful to their duty.

The Rector would pay special tribute to those who were so considerate of Dan. Mr. and Mrs. Force merit our commendation, as does Mr. Charles Smith. Others among his family and friends did so very much to add cheer to the long days of waiting following his discharge from the hospital early in December.

The mortal remains of Mr. Miller were interred in the Churchyard on June 13th, following the reading of the Burial Office in the Church.

At the Commencement of the Divinity School on Thursday May 29th the Rector of St. James Church was awarded the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, by the Overseers and Faculty of the Philadelphia Divinity School.

The citation reads, "The Reverend James Carroll Gilbert was born in Philadelphia, and educated in the High Schools of this city and Temple University. He graduated from this Divinity School in 1931 with the degree of Bachelor of Theology. His entire Ministry has been spent in this city and Diocese, where he has served at Hulmeville, Whitmarsh, and Perkiomen. For the past eleven years he has rendered notable service as Rector of historic Parish of St. James, Kingessing. He has proven himself to be faithful pastor, a leader in Christian Education and loyal alumnus of this Divinity School."

In accepting this great honor the Rector would pay tribute to the members of St. James. You, by virtue of your loyalty to this Church, and cooperation with your spiritual pastor, have a share in this award. The Divinity School has honored the congregation through its Rector.

At the June meeting the Vestry voted to give the Divinity School \$400.00 to pay the year's tuition for a Senior student who comes from a Western Missionary District. Last year the Vestry of St. James Church provided a similar scholarship for the Japanese priest, the Rev'd. Timothy K. Aoki. We commend the Vestry for their willingness to assist young men who are eager to give their lives in the service of the Church. And we are grateful to all in the congregation who contribute in the Red side of the envelopes and thus make funds available for our Missionary and Benevolence Fund. (We wish that everyone in the parish would use the weekly envelopes and thereby increase our income to enable the Vestry to make more liberal contributions.)

While we are referring to the Seminary we would suggest it as a worthy cause for your personal benefaction. There may be some who, reading these paragraphs, would be interested in adopting the Divinity School as their special "Charity". The Rector will be pleased to talk with anyone who would like to make a special contribution, or who would like to make provision in his or her will for this most deserving institution.

The Annual Bazaar and Supper conducted by the Officers, Teachers and Pupils of the Sunday School was a great success in every way. Mr. William Conner served as general chairman; Mrs. Caroline Baitzel had charge of the Supper.

Total receipts:

Bunnies (a costume article made and sold by several teachers)	\$ 336.25
Bazaar (all projects)	436.45
The Supper	341.20
	<u>\$1113.90</u>

These monies are used for certain Sunday School activities, and also to supplement the Children's Lenten Mite Box Offering.

On Sunday May 25th the Children of the Sunday School presented their offering of \$1200.00 at the Presentation Service at the Episcopal Academy.

This amount is credited to St. James' share of the Diocesan Missionary budget. The funds are used within the Diocese, in various sections of the United States, and in certain distant lands: Brazil, Liberia, Japan, The Philippines, Alaska et cetera.

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to have the Rev'd. Mr. Timothy K. Aoki, Rector of St. John's Church, Tokyo as our guest since October. Mr. Aoki was taking courses at the Seminary to enable him the better to serve the Church in Japan. He has been especially interested in Religious Education. During the Winter and Spring he has been the Dinner guest of several parishioners, he has visited various organizations, and has spent each Sunday School period with a class of boys or girls. All of us have become accustomed to have him participate in the services of Divine Worship. So we shall miss him when he goes. During June and July he will be the guest of a friend: Mr. H. Moriuchi, Fellowship Road, Moorestown, N.J. During September he will leave this country for Japan. With him go our affection, the assurance of our continued interest and friendship, and our prayers for a fruitful and encouraging work in the Sacred Ministry.

How many persons would be interested in a Bible Class to meet weekly (say on Thursday evenings from October to May)? If there is a large enough number of parishioners the Rector will arrange to have a seminarian conduct a class. If you would like such an opportunity write your name and address on a sheet of paper and mail or give it to the Rector.

John W. Harvey, translator of Rudolph Otto's, "Idea of the Holy" has a note in his preface which reads thus:

"The Dean of St. Paul's (Dr. W.R. Matthews) who presided at these lectures in London, and who after Otto's death paid the tribute of an address in his memory at Marburg, writes that Otto 'formed the opinion that England was still the most religious country in the world, and he attributed this very much to the influence of the Book of Common Prayer. He was very anxious to produce a Book of Common Prayer for the German People.'"

This is a great tribute to a book which, excepting the Holy Bible, has no superior in the literature of Christendom. Frankly the great number of our Church people fail to appreciate it adequately.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
DECEMBER 1952
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Two persons were approaching a Rectory to see the pastor. One, the younger, had become involved in a misdemeanor. As the two neared the house the younger person said, "I'm not going in there. I'll just get another lecture."

One wonders if that is the attitude that many people have toward their pastors. Perhaps some clergymen have caused that impression to obtain. They have been proclaimers of an austere morality, and when anyone has been guilty of a violation their method of treatment has been to administer a sound scolding, and possibly appropriate discipline.

I am sure that such a method of ministering to people would not obtain widely among the clergy of the Episcopal Church. When people come to us, having got themselves into difficulties, we do not feel that further accusation and blame ease the situation. As Pastors we are eager to help people: help them face the matter honestly; help them in their religious life so that they will be fortified against the further temptations of "the world, the flesh and the devil."

It is very important that you understand this about your clergy. They will not violate your confidence; they will not embarrass or scold; they will not cause you to suffer humiliation. Your pastors will be understanding and sympathetic; they will counsel and help; they will help you to believe, and know, and feel that God is a God of forgiveness and mercy; they will pray with you and for you, and send you on your way perhaps not always with all your problems solved but certainly with renewed faith, and a better attitude toward yourself and toward the circumstances of your life. So, do not hesitate to turn to the ministers of the Church no matter what your problem. If they are unable to be of assistance to you they will usually be able, at least, to advise you where to turn for the help you need.

By the time this letter reaches you everything will be reminding us of the near approach of the Feast of the Holy Nativity. May it be a blessed season to you and yours. May you more and more realize what a wonderful thing God has done for us in revealing His loving kindness in the Man, Christ Jesus.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

Bishop Hart will visit St. James on Sunday, January 25th, 11:00 A.M. for the Rite of Confirmation. Thus far there are over fifty persons in the Class. We trust that everyone will plan to be present on the occasion of our Bishop's visitation to participate in the service of solemn dedication.

The Rev'd. A. Lincoln Millet, who has assisted the Rector during the past eleven years, is ill at his home 115 N. Scott Ave., Glenolden, Pa. Mr. Millet has endeared himself to all of us at St. James. He has become very much a part of our parish life. Our prayers are offered for his spiritual well-being and for his physical comfort during trying days.

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BAPTISMS: Susan Helen Ayres, Glenn Albert Johnson, William Laycock Jones, 4th, Robert Lewis Kirschner, Jr., Teresa Anne Ryan, Robert David Wilson, Linda Leota Williams, Richard Joseph Shaffer, Jr., Lynn Marie Northwood, Michael Elmer Gardner, Bruce William Gardner, Earl Charles Erdmann, Thomas Charles Rhine, Ruth Ellen Rhine, Carol Susan Barton, Alinda Jane Chapman, Lynn Marie Trowbridge, Olive Eleanor Colgan, Betty Jean Doza, Roy James Johnson, Jr., William Patrick Moore, Edward Allen Perry, Daniel Allen Miller, Linda Marie Small, Jeanette Edwina Small, Eleanor Catherine Small, Edward Lawrence Small, Carl Leslie Wolfgang, Anna Mae Fritz Cooper, George Alfred Cooper, Robert George Dougherty, Mary Eleanor Harkins, Phillip Laird Weber, Stephen Laird Singer, Joyce Marie Bubenchik, Linda Helen Dugan, Jerald Thomas Humphreys, Jr.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God,
and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Marian Blynn Lane Herrity from Church of St. Paul, Camden, N.J.; Ronald F. Joseph, Helen Lofland Joseph, Ronald Evans Joseph, Causey Paul Joseph from Church of the Holy Apostles and the mediator, 51st and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia; Claramay Woodcock from Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22'nd and Morris Streets, Philadelphia; Jean Wilson Graf from All Saints Church, Darby, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: Robert Hsun Piao Yuan and Grace I. Chen; John Luther Methvin, Jr. and Jane Marie Jones; Walter Andrew Evans and Katharine Esther Custer; William Howard McIntyre and Marie Louise McCullen.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Kathryn Cotgreave Miller, Lawrence S. Craig, Daniel Miller, Jessie B. Buck, Helen M. Summers, Jennie Gertrude Whisman, Michael A. Recubes, Jeanne M. Craw, Helen C. McCauley, Clayton E. Platt, Steven R. Peifer, Jennie G. Kirk, Sally Sees, William J. McKinney, Marion E. Longobardo, Evva Susan Lieberherr George, William F. Bell, Helen Blomgreen, Elizabeth S. Buchanan, Irene M. Collins, Ella L. Payne, Cardella Snyder, Robert Alan Northwood, James A. McCallister, Samuel G. Makin, Elizabeth F. Barr, Jesse W. Wade, George P. Schaeffer, Ruth Newmiller, John Kramer, George E. Barr, Robert R. Stewart, Clarence B. Gilbert, Millicent C. Stephens, Willie M. Bell.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place
in the paradise of God."

On October 27th Mr. and Mrs. George H. Colgan, 6307 Paschall Avenue received notice that their son William was on the B-29 reported missing as of October 26th. Two weeks later word came that search for the missing plane had been discontinued. Our sympathy is extended to the members of the Colgan family. Bill is the second young man from St. James to pay the supreme sacrifice during the present military operations. We shall miss him greatly. Bill had been active in various organizations at St. James. He was always good company, cheerful and beloved of all who knew him.

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas contribution.

Services during the Christmas Season

Sunday, December 21st

- 8:30 A.M. Holy Communion
- 9:40 A.M. Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School
Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering
- 11:00 A.M. Litany, Ante-Communion and Sermon
- 8:00 P.M. "Carols by Candlelight" The Very Reverend Frank D. Gifford, Ph.D., Dean of the Divinity School, will be the Preacher.

Thursday, December 25th - Christmas Day

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Communion
- 9:30 A.M. Holy Communion (Choral) and Sermon

Monday, December 29th

- 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. Party for the Primary Department of the Sunday School
- 7:30 P.M. Senior Department Entertainment and Party

Annually the Rector includes a small wallet-size Church Calendar for the next year. A parishioner, Mr. Robert McCandless, 2226 South 67th Street, very generously prints the parish inscription as his contribution.

The Diocese has arranged a Conference on Christian Living to be held in the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, 51st and Spruce Streets, Thursday, February 12th through Sunday, February 15th. The sessions will be held in the evening. We are asking Vestrymen, organization officers, Sunday School Teachers, and all interested parishioners to reserve these four nights. Details will be announced nearer the time in the Sunday programs.

The Accounting Warden announces that the Organ Fund still needs \$173.95 to balance accounts. If you have not used one of the envelopes distributed during the Summer, please endeavor to do so. Any envelope inscribed "Organ Fund" will serve. Some persons have not as yet fulfilled their original pledges. With everyone doing his share this deficit can readily be cleared.

Two needs at St. James are a Chancel Chair (similar to those in the Sanctuary) and a Pall. The latter is used to cover the casket when the Burial Office is read in the Church. Interested persons may consult the Rector.

The Rev'd. Arthur F. Gibson, Vicar of St. Titus Church, 84th & Tinicum Ave., is assisting the Rector of St. James at various services. Mr. Gibson will also visit some parishioners for the private celebration of the Holy Communion. The Rector plans to alternate with Mr. Gibson in making such visitations.

A year ago many of us made pledges for the Diocesan Advancement Fund. It may be that we have let the matter escape our memory. All payments should be sent through the Vestry of St. James Church.

During September the Rectory family went by air to California and thence motored back to the East visiting Mexico, the Grand Canyon, et cetera en route. In San Francisco Mr. Gilbert had a conversation with the Rev'd Francis K. McNaull, a former parishioner of St. James. "Frank" was most eager to extend greetings to all his friends in the congregation. His present address - 162 Hickory Street, San Francisco, 2 California.

If you are among the many concerned with the practices growing up around the observance of Christmas, there are three things you can do: First, use only Christmas cards with a Christian message; Second, use only Christian scenes and figures in Christmas displays; Third, do not participate in and discourage wherever you can, office parties which end as drinking parties.

A new radio program, "The Living Word", can now be heard over many NBC outlets on Sundays from 11:45 A.M. - 12:00 Noon, EST. This program is straight Bible reading, with comment by distinguished scholars.

Special Christmas program, December 20th, 5:00 - 5:30 P.M. EST. over NBC - The Story of Clement C. Moore's writing of "A Visit from St. Nicholas".

There is a group of women in the Congregation who call themselves the "Kitchen-Aiders". These ladies provide the dinner for the Lions Club each Tuesday; they provide for wedding receptions in the Parish House, et cetera. Out of their profits they contribute to the operating expenses of the Sparks Building, and provide equipment for the kitchen. Many persons have commented about the interest and devotion of these women. Certainly the entire Congregation owes them an expression of gratitude.

On Sunday, November 23rd the Rector dedicated a new set of hand-wrought Silver Communion Vessels:

THE CHALICE - "A Congregation Tribute, Thomas Chambers Smith, Died in Korea, October 26, 1951."

THE CIBORIUM - "To the Glory of God and in loving remembrance of our son, Thomas Chambers Smith, 1928- 1951, C. S. - A.E.S."

THE PATEN - "In loving remembrance of James W. Anderson, 1867 - 1950".

THE FLAGON - "The Chancel Guild"

Each of the vessels is inscribed: "St. James Church of Kingsessing, Phila., Pa."

The Altar Vessels were made by Mr. Louis F. Glasier, 143 East 54th Street, New York City.

On Sunday January 18th immediately following the 11 o'clock Service we will show a picture, "The Strength of the Hills". It is the story of the Church's work among the Indians of the Black Hills.

During the Winter the Rector is presenting a series of sermons "Great Characters of the Old Testament". These addresses are planned to enable parishioners, in reading Holy Writ, to discover wherein the Old Testament evidences a development in religious ideas and practices. The Hebrew religion is a record of progression from primitive customs and beliefs to a highly ethical and spiritual doctrine as declared by the Prophets of God. It is against this background that Our Lord proclaimed his gospel. "Thus far the sermons have been on "Adam" and "Abraham".

Every Christian should have a "Rule of Life". A minimum discipline is this: To Pray Daily; To read the Scriptures regularly, (a section each day is suggested); To worship God every Sunday in His Church; To receive the Holy Communion at least once each month; To give a definite portion of one's income for God's Church.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1953
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

Dear People:

It would be difficult to express the reaction that I experience when I face a congregation and observe boys and girls in their early 'teens sitting alone in the Church. By "alone" I mean that no member of their family is with them. Occasionally they may be in the company of a friend, or a Sunday School Teacher. Too often they have come to the Service desiring the comfort and inspiration and joy that one can find only in the House of God, but none of kith or kin has been willing to join them.

On a recent occasion, the Sunday immediately following the Bishop's Visitation for confirmation, we were celebrating the Holy Communion. A large number of boys and girls had come to receive the Holy Communion. Certainly that was an important occasion in their lives. Some of them received the Sacrament kneeling with other members of their family. What a source of comfort that was to both parents and children. By contrast there were devoted children whose parents might have been with them, and added to the joy of their experience. But these parents, for various reasons, were absent. As the Celebrant at the Altar I felt very sorry for those children. How much more it would have meant to them if a father, a mother, a sister or brother had been present.

How many of us parents fail our children in the matter of encouraging and aiding them in this highest of all human activities, Divine Worship. Let us not just send our children to Church. Let us set at least one Sunday each month when we go, say to the early Service, to make our Communion together. The family bond of affection and mutual esteem will increase, and the children will likely always cherish the memory of participating in a sacred act with Father and Mother.

I trust that this Holy Season will bring into your lives new insight, deeper faith, stronger conviction, and increased "joy in believing".

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

Confirmed members of the Church who are unable to attend the Services of Divine Worship are requested to notify the Rector. Arrangements will be made for private ministrations of the Holy Communion.

The Celebration of the Holy Communion each Sunday at 8:30 A.M. is a "said" service. We would like to include hymns. Is anyone in the parish willing to offer his or her services to accompany the congregation on the organ? Persons who are pianists could be instructed sufficiently in the use of the pipe organ to meet our need.

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BAPTISMS: Robert Legrant Strickland, Jr., Gale Lynn Ward, Karen Sue Bottoms, Stephen Mark McLean, Robert Kidd, William Kidd Lucy, Jr., Howard Haschall Clark, Kathleen Pitts, Christine Ann Romanoff.

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CONFIRMATIONS: Nancy Elizabeth Anderson, Mary Elizabeth Berry, Raymond Samuel Borger, John Joseph Buccilli, Jeannette Mildred Carr, Leona Anna Carson Carr, Mary Emily Jones Cerbo, Dorothy Eleanor Conlin, Jane Ann Conlin, Florence Mae Conner, Anna Mae Fritz Cooper, George Alfred Cooper, George Alfred Cooper Jr., Gerard Pearce Crelling, Julia Ann Didden, Harriet Jane McClelland Elliott, Elaine Irene Potvier Flynn, Florence Brion Founds, Edwin James Gaul, Eleanor Myrtle Heaton, Ruth Elizabeth Jones, Robert Kidd, Janice Estell Kraft, Dorothy Ellen Jones Lake, Doris Marie Loudon, John James Loudon Maude Miriam Killiam McLean, Merton Edward McLean, Eleanor Ruth Anderson Maxwell, Barbara Ann Murray, Lois Margaret Needham, David Joseph Bell Owens, Dolores Marie Carr Owens, Joseph Francis Palmer, Laura Ann Palmer, Barbara Anne Paradisi, Louis George Plemenos, Wendell Ralph Shaffer, Nancy Barbara Bates Singer, Edward Lawrence Small, Eleanor Catherine Small, Jeanette Edwina Small, Joan Louise Smiley, Lila Lorraine Smith, Mabel Elizabeth Poneroy Stassinis, Howard Stegemann, James Ramsey Stewart, Joseph James Sullivan, Allen Barton Toyer, Richard Samuel Tustin, Anne Marie Woodruff, Norton Ludlum Woodruff.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Marion Walford Flem from the Church of St. Ambrose, Howard and Ontario Streets, Philadelphia; Mrs. May Whitney Wright from Epiphany Church, Sherwood, Philadelphia.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: Henry Oliver Maxwell and Eleanor Ruth Anderson; John David Clyde, Jr. and Kathryn Marie Tennyson; John Henry Ruh and Phyllis Joan Deedel; Richard Arnold Northwood and Joan Harriet Weidman; Ernest Ronald Gifford and Barbara Jane King; John Kenneth Depuy, Jr. and Elmira Lane Herrity; William Alek and Rose Marie Dolan.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Annie Louise Jaunich, George H. Barnes, Edith M. Kemp, Elizabeth A. Cavanna, Maude Colflesh, Kate Lindsay, William R. Zimms, Charles Shane, Iva P. Cunrod, Archie H. Egee, Nellie Moon, Catherine V. Wahl, Ethel E. Cooper, Walter A. Kohler, Walter W. Wharton, Myra H. Johnson.

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The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th Street and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, April 6, 1953 at 8 P.M.

"The members of the Corporation, who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before any meeting of the Corporation, shall be all lay, Baptized and confirmed persons of the age of twenty-one years or upwards who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual place of public worship for one year and upwards, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation during each of two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting not less than (\$5.00) five dollars."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: Mr. Howard E. Cosgrove, Mr. Henry A. Marta, Mr. P. John Moore. (These same gentlemen are eligible for re-election since the by-Laws place no restriction on Vestrymen succeeding themselves).

Holy Week Services will be announced in the Sunday Programs, and in the religious advertisements of the Saturday newspapers. We would remind you of the Good Friday Services:

12:00 - 12:30 Children's Service
12:30 - 1:30 Meditation on Our Lord's Passion
1:30 - 3:00 Stainer's "The Crucifixion"

Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at 6:30; 8:00 and 11:00 o'clock.

The boys and girls of the Sunday School will have their Annual Bazaar and Supper on Wednesday, April 29th. Your contributions will be appreciated. Home made cakes and candies; fancy goods; contributions for the "White Elephant" table; are all acceptable. Part of the proceeds of this occasion are used to supplement the Lenten Mite-box offering. The goal for the Sunday School offering this year is \$1300.00. The monies are presented at a special service during May and used in the Missionary work of the Episcopal Church.

An envelope is enclosed for your special Easter Offering.

Are you making any effort to establish a shelf of books on the Christian religion? Most of us are inadequately informed in the matters of The Faith. The National Council of the Episcopal Church has published four of a series of books on the Church. Thus far these are available: "The Holy Scriptures," "Chapters in Church History," "The Faith of the Church," "The Worship of the Church." Paper bound copies sell at \$1.50 each. Boards at \$2.50 each. If you desire copies you may purchase them at an Episcopal Book Store. A few volumes are in the vestibule book-case for borrowing.

A conspicuous event in the affairs of St. James was the honoring of Mrs. Elizabeth Dickman on the occasion of her attaining her 100th Year. On Sunday, January 18th, at the 11 o'clock Service, Mrs. Caroline Baitzel, on behalf of the women's organizations, and one especially interested parishioner, presented Mrs. Dickman with a purse. Mrs. Helen Wilson, Director of the Chancel Guild, presented a bouquet of red carnations on behalf of the Guild.

Mrs. Dickman was born January 21, 1853. She was baptized in St. Clements Church, 20th and Appletree Streets, and has been a devoted member of the Episcopal Church all her life. She is regularly in her pew in St. James.

Mrs. Dickman lives with a grand-daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Byrnes, 2234 South 67th Street. Three of her sons are living. She has ten grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Within the year the Rector plans to revise the Communicant list. In inserting names in the new register those will be included who give evidence of interest in and loyalty to the Church. The minimum requirement is that one have received the Holy Communion during the year. If you have been negligent in this matter be certain to receive the Sacrament, and inform the Rector in writing. (Printed forms are in the literature cabinet. Of course a hand written note is satisfactory.) Many persons who attend St. James have never been transferred from their last parish. Such persons are urged to write for their letter of transfer. Otherwise they can not be included in the Communicant list of this Parish.

Occasionally people ask the Rector for the loan of certain equipment: tables, chairs et cetera. We are willing to accommodate parishioners when the request does not cause any inconvenience to Parish organizations. Of course, fragile items are not lent for any reason. A member of the Vestry is Chairman of the Portable Property Committee, Mr. William K. Scott, Sr., 6915 Theodore Street. All requests should go to him.

If you happen to have a large number of envelopes for the offering when you attend a service, it will help the Ushers if you leave all but a few with them as you enter the Church.

Each member of the Sunday School is assigned a packet of envelopes for a monthly Missionary Contribution. In this packet is one special envelope for a "Birthday Offering." These Birthday Envelopes are presented to the Rector to be used at his discretion. The most recent addition to our appurtenances at St. James is a Tippet which was made possible by this special fund. The Tippet is a black scarf worn by a clergyman at services other than a Sacrament. The Tippet that we have acquired is ornamented with three embroidered insignia: one is the seal of the Diocese of Upsalla, one the seal of the Diocese of Skara. These symbolize St. James connection with the Swedish Church. The third ornament, the collar piece, is the family coat-of-arms of the Rev'd Dr. Carl Wrangel, founder of St. James Church.

In response to a hasty appeal for clothing to send to victims of the floods in Europe about 400 pounds of wearing apparel were sent to Church World Service. Another opportunity for receiving your cast-off clothing will be announced during the Spring. \$90.00 was contributed for the relief of flood victims.

It has been our custom, following the Christmas holidays to distribute among the "Shut-ins" of the parish those poinsettias used in decorating the Church. Last year and this year alike the Christmas decorations, having been placed in the Church for the Sunday before Christmas, were kept until the Sunday following the New Year. The plants, having been in full bloom for over two weeks, were not in satisfactory condition for distribution. We trust that all who heretofore have received them will understand the reason for their not being remembered with a poinsetta.

At the Service of Confirmation the loose offering is given the Bishop for his Discretionary Fund. Following Bishop Hart's visitation on January 25th, the Accounting Warden was able to send him \$121.00.

The Rev'd, Alec R. Vidler, a priest of the Church of England in concluding a lecture on Eternal Life quotes these significant statements by well-known clergymen of a past generation:

"I find that my faith suffers nothing by leaving a thousand questions open, so long as I am convinced on two or three main lines," wrote Bishop Lightfoot, a week before his death, to Archbishop Benson.

"Be assured", said F.W. Robertson, "There is little to be known here; much to be borne; something to be done. What you are, and what your life means, you do not know. God only knows. You must be content with twilight except when contrast with darkness makes the twilight seem, as it really is in comparison, a blaze of light."

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
SUMMER 1953
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

You may have read in the news periodicals of the increasing practice in restaurants of placing a card of "Grace before Meals" on the tables. This is a significant movement and we trust that it will impel many persons to say a prayer of Thanksgiving before they partake of their food. Several months ago the officers and teachers of the Sunday School proposed a campaign among the members of St. James to encourage the saying of Grace before each meal, and to have a portion of the Holy Bible read at the conclusion of each meal.

During the Fall we plan to solicit each family in the parish. We believe that the practice of saying Grace, and reading a selection from the Holy Scriptures will prove to be a stimulating experience for our people. The Bible reading will give parents an opportunity to explain the significance of the Scripture to their children. It will doubtless lead parents into a better understanding of the Sacred Writings. ("Thou that teachest, teachest thou not thyself?")

Some of our families already have a time for prayer and reading together. We suggest that those of you who have not followed such a practice commence now. Don't wait for a more opportune time. Begin feeding your children with the Word of God. They will be influenced by their parents' religious faith and understanding more than by anyone else's. What a source of satisfaction it will be to you in later years knowing that your children, grown to maturity, are held and helped and inspired by your nurturing them in a living, meaningful faith. They will not forget that you brought your love for God. His Word and His Church, into your everyday family affairs. They will "rise up and call you blessed."

The Summer is upon us. It is a season for the out of doors, for diversion and recreation. May each of you under God have a pleasant and refreshing holiday.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

At the May meeting the Vestry voted \$400.00 for a scholarship at the Divinity School. The student who will come to the Seminary for the Fall semester is the Rev'd. K.A. Ninan, M.A. L.Th., a clergyman of the Church in India.

A Nursery for young children is conducted every Sunday at 11 o'clock in the Sparks Building. Many parents who might attend services at that hour will appreciate this item of information. We must rely on parishioners to spread the news.

The Sunday School, The Woman's Auxiliary (Afternoon and Evening Groups) and the Church Guild have made contributions to a fund totalling \$200.00 for furnishing a student's room at the Divinity School. This gift is just one more instance of the great interest of the members of St. James in the Seminary.

The Re-decoration Committee of the Vestry (Mr. William Conner is Chairman), has been anticipating laying carpet in the aisles, Chancel and Sanctuary of the Church. Some monies are available for this project. The Vestry has decided to paint the Church interior before contracting for floor-covering. The painting will cost upward of Two Thousand Dollars. "The necessary scaffolding is a large item in this cost).

Enclosed is an envelope for your use during the Summer. We trust that each person will endeavor to accumulate at least Five Dollars for the project. Kindly return your envelope by October 11th.

THE PARISH REGISTER
March 1, to June 1, 1953.

BAPTISMS: Terrance Scott DeHart, Thomas Andrew McCaul, Margaret Elaine Reynolds, Robert Thomas Williamson, Gregg Francis Robinson, Gary Lee Anderson, Donald William Hottenfeller, Robin Anne Watts, Edward George White, Jr., William Alexander Julian, IV, Donnell Leonard Farmer, Phillip Earl Kramer, David Walton Paulson, Jr., Jonathan Gary Paulson, Gail Marie Shyne, Thomas Edward Fish, Bruce Maxwell Loving, Cheryl Elaine Weidman, Janet Irene Frew.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God,
and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATION: Doris Lillian Richmond.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Lillian Ann Klinger Menewisch, Mrs. Caroline Klinger Fisher, Miss Joan Fisher from Church of the Atonement, 47th and Kingessing Ave., Philadelphia; Samuel Alexander McIntyre, Jeannette Weaver McIntyre, Margaret Elizabeth McIntyre from St. Elizabeth's Church, 16th and Mifflin Streets, Philadelphia; Donald Sylvester from Church of the Holy Apostles and Mediator, 51st and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia; Mrs. Florence Reiner, Barbara Reiner from St. Luke's Church, 5421 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia; Helen Rice Hanley from All Saints Church, Rhawnhurst, Philadelphia.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: George Henry Hands, Jr. and Eunice Hope Mathewson; Howard Cohill Hunter and Helen Jean Dugan.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Viola Glascoe Gaul, Anna D. Reed, Florence Needham Kelleher, William Lloyd, Jr., Gertrude M. Proctor, Annie Pattinson, Mary R. Watkin Anderson, Gustave W. Menge, Clifford Glascoe Gaul, Joseph A. Donohue, Margaret G. Crumback, Lillie May Neeley Fletcher, Charles E. Willoughby, George C. Norton, Aubrey S. Ulrick, William Crothers, Frederick McCauley.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place
in the paradise of God."

You may be interested in these attendance figures: Palm Sunday - 8:30 A.M. 132; 11 A.M. 452. Good Friday - 12 M - 3:00 P.M. 635 (approximately 75 of this total were counted twice, having attended two subsequent services.) Easter Day - 6:30 A.M. 167; 8:00 A.M. 398; 11:00 A.M. 417. 705 persons made their Communion on Easter Day. 368 attended the Session of the Sunday School.

The Rector and Mrs. Gilbert have announced the engagement of their daughter Jane Charis to Mr. William Alexander Julian of Miami, Florida and Camden, South Carolina. The marriage will be solemnized in St. James Church on Monday, July sixth at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The members of the Congregation are cordially invited to be present. (Since a considerable number of out-of-town guests will be present may we suggest that parishioners park their cars outside the church yard).

Two years ago the Diocese had a campaign, an "Advancement Fund," to secure pledges for certain projects. Some of us may have failed to fulfill our pledge. If you wish to make a payment place an identified envelope in the Offering, and the Accounting Warden, Mr. P. John Moore, will send it to the Diocesan Treasurer.

More and more parishioners of St. James are commencing their week by receiving the Holy Communion each Sunday at 8:30 o'clock. This service continues the practice of the early Church. (Altho the first Christians celebrated the Eucharist in the evening). St. Luke writes thus: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them". Acts 20:7

Services during the Summer at the same hours: 8:30: 9:40: 11:00 A.M. During the Rector's absence in August, parishioners desiring the ministrations of a clergyman may telephone the Rev'd. Arthur F. Gibson, Vicar, St. Titus Church. SA 9-0594. (Address - 8615 Eastwick Ave.)

Two plates have been placed on the Memorial Board (in the North Transept) with these inscriptions:

"A pew was endowed as a memorial by the family of Mr. William Shaw
1876 - 1950 Vestryman and Accounting Warden."

"The Chambers for the Pipe Organ, installed A.D. 1951 replace a former
Pulpit-memorial to Isaac T. Jones, Warden. 1806 - 1888."

During the meeting of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Philadelphia during 1946, Mr. Ralph Diehl, an officer of the Department of Police, served as escort to the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend Geoffrey Fisher. Later Mr. Diehl was confirmed in St. James Church. He wrote to the Archbishop and received this reply:

Lambeth Palace, S.E. 1
28th April, 1953

Dear Mr. Diehl:

I was delighted to get your letter of March 24th, and to be reminded of the time when you so splendidly escorted us on our journeyings in Philadelphia in September 1946. You were very good to us indeed and I conceived a great admiration for the skill you showed. I think the only time you were a bit taken aback was when I threatened to get on to your motor bike and drive it myself so as to put the sirens on! However, you dissuaded me from that.

It has given me great pleasure to put my name in the two Prayer Books which you sent me, recording the fact that you and your son were confirmed at St. James's Episcopal Church of Kingsessing. May I wish you both great happiness and strength and purpose in your Christian profession, and all prosperity and blessing be with you.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY CANTUAR.

Mr. Robert M. Smith, Secretary of the Vestry and Superintendent of the Sunday School, supplied the following interesting data. The figures indicate the attendance record on Easter Day over a ten year period.

	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Church Attendance	607	638	743	694	823	820	870	840	976	982
Sunday School Attendance	295	286	267	308	378	371	386	391	373	368
Total Attendance	902	924	1010	1002	1201	1191	1256	1231	1349	1350
Received Holy Communion	366	401	510	493	554	610	641	640	670	705

The following statement is Section 1516 of the School Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:
"Bible to be Read in Public Schools - At least ten verses from the Holy Bible shall be read, or caused to be read, without comment, at the opening of each public school on each school day, by the teachers under and subject to direction, then the teacher exercising such authority shall read the Holy Bible, or cause it to be read, as herein directed.

If any school teacher, whose duty it shall be to read the Holy Bible, or cause it to be read, shall fail or omit so to do, said school teacher shall, upon charges preferred for such failure or omission, and proof of the same, before the board of school directors of the school district, be discharged."
(Amended May 9, 1949, P.L. 939)

We refer to this statute because it has come to our attention that some teachers are careless about their obligation. Some Sunday School pupils have reported that the only time they hear the Scriptures read is when they attend an Assembly. That may be two or three times each week. We suggest that you inquire of your children and if there are indications of failure to comply with the law, inform the Principal of the School

Those persons who are eager to learn more about the Church are urged to purchase the series published by the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Thus far four volumes in "The Church's Teachings" are available: I. "The Holy Scriptures", II. "Chapters in Church History", III. "The Faith of the Church", IV. "The Worship of the Church." (Two books in preparation are "Christian Living" and "The Church at Work")

The series may be purchased at Episcopal Book Stores.

Copies for lending are available in the Vestibule of this Church. Interested persons may speak to an Usher.

The Vestry of St. James has placed copies of these books in the Paschall Branch of the Free Library, 70th Street and Woodland Avenue.

Church members, active in the affairs of the Church, may apply for low-cost insurance with the Church Life Insurance Corporation, 20 Exchange Place, New York 5, N.Y.

Concerning the Congregation's rising at the presentation of the offering in all Services, the rule at St. James is to remain seated until the lay-reader, appointed to receive the plates from the Vestrymen, stands at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

At the Congregational Meeting on Easter Monday, the following were elected to serve on the Vestry for three years: Messrs. Howard E. Cosgrove, Henry A. Marta, P. John Moore.

We commend the week-day services at St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street between Market and Chestnut. Saturday newspapers always list the program of varied activities.

When you attend St. James and find the movement of the Congregation through the main entrance rather slow following the Service know that the North Transept door is an exit. An Usher is assigned to this doorway for the conclusion of the 11 o'clock Service on Sundays, and on other occasions when the attendance is large.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
DECEMBER 1953
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

One of the prayers among the always meaningful petitions of the Book of Common Prayer is "For Our Country," (Page 36). Part of the first sentence reads, "We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will." There are millions of citizens in this country who really live in the spirit of that noble plea. But there are an equal number who cultivate no such frame of mind and purpose. So many take as a matter of inevitable heritage the privileges and institutions that we enjoy in this fair land. They assume that, "Man is endowed by his Creator with certain unalienable rights." They fail to realize however, that many of our forefathers have had to struggle, often making the supreme sacrifice, to gain and guarantee these rights.

What we have to consider is the need of dedicating ourselves to the maintenance of these rights. If we live for our principles and support our free institutions, we may be saved the necessity of fighting to protect and preserve them.

Conspicuous among our privileges is that of freedom of worship. We can guarantee the continuance of a free Church in a free country only if we are willing to assume our share of the responsibility thereto. Unless we make a genuine effort on behalf of the Church, and the continuance of her work and worship, either of two things will happen: the Church as we know it will die from neglect, or a more aggressive party or movement will curtail or prohibit our freedom, especially our freedom of worship. If we really value the Church, her worship and her doctrine, we had better be doing something about it. We should be girding the Church by our presence and our prayers, our service and our money, "glad to do thy will." It is only this kind of disciple-ship that can enable the Church of God to be venturesome and militant against worldly activities and dictatorial movements that ever threaten man's spiritual well-being and progress.

May the Christmas Season bring to every believing heart renewed joy and hope.

Sincerely your friend and Pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

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BAPTISMS: Albert James Bauer, Steven Howard Francis, Ellen Joy Jackson, Lee Allen Marcovitz, Linda June Peck, Elizabeth Haigh, Janice Corbin Christie, Richard Dunstan Christie, Jr., Alice Margaret McCullough, Jeanette Ellen Ruh, Anna Belle Atkins, Helen Mary Yoder, John Joseph Cleary, Eleanore Faye Delany, Mary Lenore Hauser, Elizabeth Susan Wagner, Leslie Elaine Wilson, Susan Elizabeth Weidman, Kenneth Ferris Kirschner, Robert Frank Lewis, John Edward Smith, Edward Kenneth Trowbridge Jr.,

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God,
and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATION: Marie Anna Gramer.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Bertha Jeannine Scargle from St. Alban's Church, Newtown Square, Pa.; Mrs. Beatrice Coons, Ruth Hopkins from St. John the Evangelist Church, 3rd & Reed Streets, Philadelphia; Mrs. Lorraine Yerkes from Trinity Church, Collingdale, Pa.; Mrs. Jennie Maltesta Malone from Trinity Chapel, Solebury, Pa.; Fred Humphreys from Church Farm School, Glen Loch, Pa.; Mrs. Edna Hasenfus Davis from St. Barnabas Church, Kensington, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: Charles Edward Artman and Florence Alberta Sheats; William Alexander Julian IV and Jane Charis Gilbert; Ernest Roy Lincoln and Joan Mary Handley; Joseph Carter Fletcher and Blanche Davis Wilson Knopel; Louie Alvin Schwartz and Marie Anna Gramer; Henry Wolfert and Dorothy Aridath Drake; Richard Howard Myers and Anna Robinson.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Ernest Buckley, Alice Mary Schmoll, Francis Davis, George White, Charles H. Sowa, May Whitney Wright, Charles S. Wagner, Sarah McCaughern, Edwin A. Sands, Margaret L. Williamson, George L. Oates, David L. Cheyne, Jeanette H. McCurdy, Margaret E. Miller, George C. Becker, William T. Grigg, Mary D. O'Donnell, George Shaw, George William Didden, Henry E. Hambridge, Adele L. Craig.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place
in the paradise of God."

Several of the pin-oak trees, and a large white-oak, in the Church Yard have had to be removed during the past several months. A blight is affecting the oak trees. In an effort to preserve the twenty-five remaining oaks the Vestry has arranged for them to be fed. Small holes are made in the ground about each tree, and fertilizer is placed in the holes.

It is encouraging to see an increasing number of parishioners attending the Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:30 A.M. each Sunday. The Service is without a choir, although several hymns are sung. The Rector usually has a brief address. We wish that more people would make it a practice to start their week at the Lord's Table.

It has been our privilege to have the Rev'd. Paul M. Hayashi, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Abashiri, in the Diocese of Hokkaido, Japan participating in the services at St. James. Mr. Hayashi is a graduate student at the Divinity School. If any parishioners would like to invite him to Sunday Dinner, kindly write or telephone Mrs. Pearl Cobb, 6173 Yocum Street, (SA 9-6191).

The Right Reverend J. Gillespie Armstrong, Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania, will visit St. James on Sunday, January 10th, 11 A.M. to administer the Rite of Confirmation. Thus far fifty persons have indicated their intention of making the Confirmation vows. We depend on all the members of this Congregation to participate in this service of solemn dedication, and to greet Bishop Armstrong.

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas contribution. Your liberality will enable the Vestry to balance accounts at the end of the year, and place some monies in the Sinking Fund against painting the tin roof on the Sparks Building and on the Church during the Summer of 1954.

Services during the Christmas Season

Sunday, December 20th

- 8:30 A.M. Holy Communion
- 9:40 A.M. Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School
Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering
- 11:00 A.M. Litany, Ante-Communion and Sermon
- 8:00 P.M. "Carols by Candlelight"

Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Communion
- 9:30 A.M. Holy Communion (Choral) and Sermon

Monday, December 28th

- 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. Party for the Primary Department of the Sunday School
- 7:30 P.M. Senior Department Entertainment and Party

The Annual Epiphany Candlelight Service will be held on Sunday, January 17th at 8:00 P.M.

At the early service on November 8th, a prayer of dedication was said for a new pall recently acquired by St. James Church. Donors of the pall are Mrs. John Berkeyheiser as a memorial to her parents, William H. and Elizabeth J. Galloway, and Mrs. Evan J. Tibbott, Jr. as a memorial to Miss Susan C. Thackara.

The following sets of envelopes are being used, but the names of the contributors are not known: 453, 516, 522. Persons having these packets kindly inscribe the number, name, and address and place in the offering so that the Finance Committee's record may be complete.

Miss Bixler is appealing for more persons to sing in the Choir. Male voices and Altos are especially needed. Rehearsal for the Senior Choir, Thursdays at 8:30 P.M.

THE CLERICAL COLLAR

The English Canons Ecclesiastical of 1604 carefully prescribed the proper dress of a clergyman of the Church of England, Canon 74 ordering the outdoor dress of a priest to consist of cassock, gown, tippet, and square cap. With slight modifications this habit was worn by the clergy well into the 19th century, the ordinary hat of the day being substituted for the square cap. Between 1810 and 1820 it was gradually disused, most clergymen adopting as their distinctive garb a long black coat with a cassock-style standing collar, and a white folded stock. About the year 1840, a group of clergymen requested a clerical tailor named Wippell to design a simpler, more practical type of neckwear than the white stock, and he suggested a single band of stiff linen fastening in the back with a collar button. This type of collar was generally adopted by the clergy, and continued in use without competition for about fifty years. Its disadvantage was that it frayed at the edges with continuous wear, and chafed the neck. In 1890, the Reverend Philip W. Mosher, now Rector-emeritus of St. Peter's Church, Niagara Falls, was curate of St. Paul's Church, Troy, N.Y. He and his Rector discussed the problem of the uncomfortable collar, and together conceived the idea of making it double, thus eliminating the possibility of fraying. They took their idea to Mr. Peabody, one of the members of the famous shirt and collar firm of Cluett-Peabody, who was also a vestryman of St. Paul's. Mr. Peabody recognized the improvement, and set his factory to making the new collar. It is now generally worn as a badge of their calling by the Anglican and Roman clergymen, and by an increasing number of pastors of other denominations. Strangely enough, this double clerical collar is often designated the "Roman collar," but the foregoing account, obtained from Canon Mosher's own lips, is proof that it is of Episcopal origin.

Rev. C. Leslie Chard in THE CONNECTICUT CHURCHMAN
reprinted in THE CHURCH NEWS, November 1953.

Have you ever wished that the Rector would discuss a certain subject or text in his sermon? The Clergy endeavor to cover a variety of topics in their addresses, and usually welcome suggestions that come from their people.

If any parishioners have in their possession old programs, literary material, et cetera, relating to St. James Church we would be pleased to receive them. Sometime our Committee will edit a history of this parish, and all relevant material will be of value.

Many of us remember the Rev'd. Timothy K. Aoki who was at the Divinity School two years ago. One of our members, Russell Pottier, who is serving in the Army in Japan, has visited Mr. Aoki on several occasions. The following excerpts are from a letter written by Russell:

"I went to Tokyo today to see Mr. Aoki. He was very much surprised to see someone from St. James. I took the church paper with me, one that had my name on it, and showed it to Mr. Aoki.

He took me into the church and we sat and talked for about an hour before church began. We talked about St. James and all of the people. Mr. Aoki told me about Japan and also invited me to come back and he would show me around Tokyo.

I stayed there for church, and I took communion with them. Of course the entire service is in Japanese. That is one thing that I will never forget.

After church Mr. Aoki stood at the back of the church and he told everyone that I was from the United States and from St. James. The people were really very wonderful; they invited me to their homes for dinner and told me to come back often, that I was welcome all the time.

The church is in very bad condition. They are trying to rebuild it but they are very short of money. I think if any of the organizations at St. James are looking for a project they couldn't find a better one than helping to rebuild this church. They build a little at a time. Just as much as their money will allow them.
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A balance of \$10.00 was in a Young People's Fellowship account and Miss Ruth Averell sent a money order to Russell Pottier to give to Mr. Aoki. The Rector received the following letter from Mr. Aoki.

Dear Mr. Gilbert,

Some days before Mr. Russell Pottier brought your money 3200 yen (Japanese money). It will be used for the repair of my church building. The church needed \$1500.00 for the repair of the roof and floor, \$90.00 for the front and \$100.00 for the old organ. Thankyou very much for your kindness. I showed Mr. Pottier over Asakusa Amusement Center. Rev. Hayashi, one of my classmates, will help your church. I hope you will take a kindly interest in him. This year Asakusa St. John's Church has 25 in confirmation class. Many young people come to the church. It is rather large church in the Down Town of Tokyo.

I will say thank you again.

Sincerely yours,
T. K. Aoki

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1954
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

One of the things that has made American enterprise unique is the emphasis on advertising. "It pays to advertise". Nearly every business man accepts that as one of the pillar-principles of any commercial venture. Certain businesses are so committed to, and dependent upon, extensive advertising that they constantly spend a large proportion of their income on getting and keeping their product before the public.

Sometimes people criticize the Church because it fails to use 'modern' methods of advertising to proclaim its mission. We are not intending in this brief letter to discuss that criticism. But we would like to remind the members of the Church that they are the Church's best advertisement. No method is so potent and fruitful as that of personal witness. Even business men are eager to have their customers say a good word for them, their service, their product.

When you as a professing Christian can talk out of a sincere, profound, and understanding faith about what the Church has meant and continues to mean in your life you are giving God's Church the best possible publicity. Your friends will sense the genuineness of your conviction. They recognize the difference between the fanatic parroting of pious phrases on the one hand, and an intelligent, meaningful testimony to the richness of one's faith on the other. The latter seldom fails to impress and convince.

We want all who attend St. James to be a well-informed congregation, to be an inspired and inspiring people. We want and need them to be a witnessing people. We want them to be emissaries of Christ especially eager to help others find their way to the Church and know the kind of life that our Lord offers His disciples.

One of my clergyman-friends told me that he had never done anything in respect of advertising his Church. He had depended on the congregation to bear witness to the quality of the worship, of the fellowship, and of the preaching in that Church as the best means of bringing others into the fold. I am sure that he was right in placing the emphasis on this personal witnessing. May all of us therefore endeavor to realize our responsibility in making known to others the "joy in believing" that has been our portion as we have participated in the worship and other activities at St. James.

May Passion-tide and the Easter Season be a time of spiritual refreshment, and may all of us come to cherish the life of prayer and worship, of service and brotherly love that is our privilege as members of the Body of Christ.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

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BAPTISMS: Sharon Lee Hunter, Joseph Lee Manuel, Margaret Ann Trelease, Patricia Ann Sullivan, Gail Susan Toyer, Helen Elizabeth Vile, Alice Linda Nauss, Victoria Ann Wiedman, Hazel Marguerite Kirby, Kathleen Mary Fithian, Janice Deborah Mowbray, Anthony Christopher Cerbo, Jr., Lois Ann Leidy, Robert Scott McClintock, III, Kathy Lynn Fredericks, William Thomas Phipps, Yvonne Louise Puggi, Howard Douglas McCullough, Jeanette McCullough, Richard Robert Jones, Linda Catherine Schaaf.

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and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Dorothy Aridath Drake Wolfert, Barbara Ann Black (Nauss), Thomas Alton Bowes, Dorothy Brunn, Zorka Buchan Brunn, Lenore Kathryn Bugey, David Francis Burgess, Joyce Martha Elizabeth Cook, Raymond John Coulter, John Crawford Crelling, Mortimer Sebastian Hager DeNeen, Elizabeth Ann Cook Didden, Nancy Elizabeth Dunning, Thelma Ruth Fithian, Edna Laughton George, Joan Gramer, Barbara Anne Hanna, Rebecca Best Hughes, Madeline Barbara Hummel, Jane Letitia Best Jones, Elizabeth Laurie Kendrick, Carol Louise Knowlton, Patricia Anne Knowlton, Georgina Emma Laurie, Margaret Ann Marker, Ann Elizabeth McClure, James Quinton McClure, William James McLeod, William McVean, Robert Charles Morgan, Thomas Morris, Marian Agnes Mount, Samuel King Murray, Jr., James Edward O'Mara, George John Plemenos, Margaret Elizabeth Robinson, Robert Andrew Sheridan, Thomas Joseph Sheridan, Judith Marie Smiley, William McNair Smullen, Marie Kathryn Snyder, Elsie Marie Ring Stewart, Florence Elsie Richmond Stilwell, Walter Edwin Stinger, Jr., Marian Marie McCandless Strickland, Kenneth Bedros Takvorian, George Burton Tyler, Eleanor MacQueen Tyler, Carol Ann Vile, Anna Marie Anuzis Wolfgang, Leslie Elmore Wolfgang.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Ann Thomson McCullough from Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, 27th & Wharton Streets, Philadelphia; Edward F. Hosbach and Mrs. Anita C. Hosbach from St. Peter's Church, 3rd and Pine Streets, Philadelphia; Mrs. May Hopkins and Harry Hopkins, Jr., Mrs. Charles Roney from St. John the Evangelist Church, 3rd and Reed Streets, Philadelphia.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: William Walter Haines, Jr. and Janice Lillie Anderson; Donald Morrell Sylvester and Joan Gladys Leitch; William Joseph Foley and Georgina (Jean) Emma Laurie; Joseph Keating Miller and Marie Kristine Kirkgard Egee.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Norman Jarvis, Anna E. Harding, George H. Payne, Frederick M. Martin, Walter W. Harding, John T. Thorson, Harry L. Mellon, Judith Milton, Mrs. Elizabeth Creswell Dickman, Hildegard Schumacher Singles, William L. Davidson, Clara Heim, Charles B. Simons, Ida Bramble, James G. Warden, Helen C. Goodnan Swift, Mary Theresa Bender, William Creed Owens, Elizabeth Beel, Ottilie Schenkel, Laura Albanese, Beatrice P. Marshall, John H. Gesner, Jr., Harry C. Knob, John S. Bloomer.

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Holy Week Services will be announced in the Sunday Programs, and in the religious advertisements of the Saturday newspapers. We would remind you of the Good Friday Services:

12:00 - 12:30 Children's Service
 12:30 - 1:30 Meditation on Our Lord's Passion
 1:30 - 3:00 Stainer's "The Crucifixion"

Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at 6:30; 8:00 and 11:00 o'clock.

The enclosed envelope is for your special Easter Offering.

"Ye shall not appear before the Lord empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee."

Deuteronomy XVI:16,17.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th Street and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, April 19, 1954 at 8 P.M.

"The members of the Corporation, who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before any meeting of the Corporation, shall be all Lay, Baptized, and Confirmed persons of the age of twenty-one years or upwards who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual Place of Public Worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the Corporation during each of two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: Mr. Roy Cobb, Mr. William J. Conner, Mr. Robert M. Smith. (These same gentlemen are eligible for re-election since the by-laws place no restriction on Vestrymen succeeding themselves).

At the Congregational Meeting the Chairman of the Redecoration Committee, Mr. William Conner, will present the subject of carpeting the aisles and Chancel of the Church. Some years ago a motion was passed approving the laying of carpet. Many persons question the advisability of this kind of floor-covering. It is felt that some kind of tile flooring would be cleaner and more durable. Your opinion and vote will help determine the matter.

The boys and girls of the Sunday School will have their Annual Bazaar and Supper on Wednesday, May 5th. Your contributions will be appreciated. Home made cakes and candies; fancy goods; contributions for the "White Elephant" table; are all acceptable. Part of the proceeds of this occasion are used to supplement the Lenten Mite-box Offering. The goal for the Sunday School Offering this year is \$1300.00. The monies are presented at a special service during May and used in the Missionary work of the Episcopal Church.

Recently the following item appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer:

"SHOT TOWERS I have read John McIntyre's novel about Philadelphia in the last century called 'Shot Towers'. Print something about these shot towers. Who built them?"

A.M.L. - G.C.V.

Philadelphia had two shot towers, the first ones built in America. Shot was made by pouring molten lead from the top of the tower; it formed into spheres as it fell and dropped into a cooling tank at the bottom.

The more important of the two was the one on Carpenter St. near Front which was opened October 20, 1808, by John B. Bishop and Thomas Sparks who were in the plumbing business in that area. Circular in form, it was 142 feet high, 30 feet in diameter at the base and 15 feet at the top. After Bishop withdrew from the firm during the War of 1812, Sparks became sole owner of the shot tower and it remained in his family until the turn of the century. Still there, it is now surrounded by a city recreation center."

Members of St. James will recognize Thomas Sparks as a former Vestryman of this Church, and donor of a building to be used as a parish school. The building erected in 1865 was endowed in the amount of \$6000.00 by Mr. Sparks. In 1904 the building was enlarged and now serves us as a much used parish house.

Many parishioners regularly use the blue envelopes for a special offering once each month usually on the occasion of their receiving the Holy Communion. The money is turned over to the Rector "for the Altar Bread and Wine; for any other expenses incurred in the administration of the Holy Communion; for people and institutions in need of financial assistance."

During 1953 the people of St. James contributed \$953.08 through these envelopes. All of it has been used to help where assistance has been needed.

Each week memorial flowers are placed on the Altar by interested persons. A fitting prayer on behalf of the deceased is said. We would not limit such prayers to the persons in whose name the flowers are presented. Anyone desiring the names of persons departed this life to be remembered at the Altar may give the names to the Rector in writing (family names are not used in the prayers). The names will be read at the 8:30 o'clock celebration each Sunday. Please, do not telephone such requests! Send names by mail, or have a written list to give the Rector to be used at a service on the following Sunday.

An interesting paragraph from the monthly paper published by Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg:

"Recently a mother told the Rector that her son asked how old he had to be so that he could stay away from Church on Sunday like his father does. Not too long ago, a young man who is an inmate of one of the city's penal institutions remarked that perhaps he would not have been there if his parents had regularly attended Church and impressed its importance on him by taking him with them. This is something to consider in these days of excessive juvenile delinquency."

Our Church is launching a nationwide campaign called BUILDERS FOR CHRIST, dedicated to the building needs of the Episcopal Church. In 1952, General Convention, the representative governing body of the Church, was concerned about the way our Church was being handicapped by lack of adequate seminary buildings, churches, and schools. It therefore ordered a special campaign to be conducted sometime during the ensuing three-year period to raise a part of the funds needed for this construction. This is the BUILDERS FOR CHRIST Campaign, and its goal is \$4,150,000. You are asked to remember the BUILDERS FOR CHRIST Campaign in your prayers, and to give it your whole-hearted support.

In addition to the program of the National Church, the Diocese of Pennsylvania is including an item of \$70,000 for equipping the new Conference Centre in Radnor. St. James share of the total sum is \$3250.00. During May we shall ask all of our members to contribute or pledge toward this objective.

This is the prayer approved by the Presiding Bishop

"Almighty Father, who dost put into the hearts of thy servants in every age the will to work for the extension of thy kingdom throughout the world, pour down, we beseech thee, the abundance of thy blessing upon our new venture as Builders for Christ. Grant unto us all such a lively faith and such a generous spirit that we may worthily rise to these fresh opportunities for service to thee in thy Holy Church. All which we ask in the Name of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN."

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
SUMMER 1954
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

By the time this letter reaches you Mrs. Gilbert and I will be on our way to Sydney, Australia. On the fifteenth of June we leave New York City to make the flight to Glasgow, Scotland. Thence, by air we shall go to London, Paris, Rome, Athens, Cairo, the Holy Land, Delhi, Calcutta, Bangkok (Thailand), Djakarta, (Java) and Sydney. We are due to arrive in Sydney on August 2nd. Our son, Bryson, and Dr. Enid May Fischer will be married in St. Andrew's Cathedral on August 12th. It is planned that I shall participate in the Wedding Ceremony. Nine days later, August 21st, we shall leave Sydney for the air-flight across the Pacific. Besides brief stop-overs at air-ports on certain islands we shall have several days in Honolulu. San Francisco is the terminus of the Pacific flight. A short stay there and we shall be on our air-bourne way to Chicago and New York.

It is our hope to get many pictures that we can bring back colored slides of our sight-seeing tours for you to see.

This trip is an unexpected experience for us. We are very grateful to the Vestry of St. James for granting us a three month leave of absence. Certain members of our family have made it possible for us to go on this extended tour, circling the Earth.

We wish it were possible to send each of you a personal message while we are on the trip. Since over 1000 names are on our parish mailing list it is an almost impossible undertaking. Know that we shall be thinking about our host of parishioner-friends even though we shall be unable to send you greetings.

It may be of interest for you to know that one of Mrs. Gilbert's girlhood friends, a Mrs. May L. Bender, is accompanying us.

During our absence, Mr. and Mrs. James Berger will occupy the Rectory. Mr. Berger is a Seminary student. All requests may be telephoned to the Rectory and Mrs. Berger will refer the matter to the proper person: Clergyman, Sexton or Vestryman.

The Rev'd. Francis B. Roseboro, formerly Rector of St. Elisabeth's Church, now retired will officiate at all Sunday Services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, et.cetera. (Anyone desiring to get in direct touch with the Rev'd. Mr. Roseboro may telephone: DEWEY 4-1905. He resides at the Rectory of St. Elisabeth's Church, 1606 Mifflin St.)

There is no change in the schedule of Services during the Summer. Each Sunday the Holy Communion at 8:30 A.M., Sunday School 9:40 A.M., Holy Communion or Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11:00 A.M.

May each of you have a refreshing Summer. And may all of us, under God, be prepared for a fruitful year when we return from our holidays.

With every good wish, and a prayer,

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

At this writing we do not have the date for the Bishop's next visit for Confirmation. All interested persons may depend on Classes commencing during the month of October.

THE PARISH REGISTER
March 15 to May 27, 1954

BAPTISMS: Robert Elaine Erdmann, Carol Ann Whaley, Alberta Lee Lambilotte, James Patrick Lake, Jr., Wilbur Alexander Stewart, Jr., James Joseph Takacs, Elizabeth Ann Dunlevy, James Tawes Pritchett, Herbert Frederick Rost, Steven Wayne Rost, Lois Elaine Summers, Joanne Elizabeth Ulrich, Alfred Louis Ulrich, Jr., Karen Cecilia Ulrich, Paul John Barton, Amy Jean Dezmelyk, Nancy Elizabeth Schultz.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Jacob P. Bausch from Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Erie, Pa.; James Cochran and Mrs. Beatrice Washington Cochran from St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: Robert Francis Kent and Alice Matilda Schmoll; Clarence James Perrigo and Joan Ellen Fisher.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Wilbur F. Maxwell, Alfred Cooper, Margaret C. Longhurst, Sarah Lewis, Evelyn Georgette Stump, Morris B. Stackhouse, Mary E. Knoblock, Thomas Morris, Emma P. Cornman.

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The Vestry had planned to send out envelopes against the expenses of painting the interior of the Church. Since the National Church is sponsoring a "Builders for Christ" campaign we are postponing our painting project. Most of you have made commitments to the "Builders for Christ" fund, and we agree that the needs of the National Church must come first.

At the Congregational Meeting on Easter Monday, April 19th, the following gentlemen were elected to serve a three year term on the Vestry: Mr. Roy Cobb, Sr.; Mr. William J. Conner; Mr. Robert M. Smith.

The Bazaar and Supper of the Sunday School netted a profit to date of \$ 1101.49. Some of this money was used to supplement the Mite-Box Offering for Missions. The balance is divided between the Sunday School Benevolence, Special and Flower Accounts. On Sunday May 16th, St. James Sunday School presented \$1300.00 as its share of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

"BUILDERS FOR CHRIST" Our parish campaign was successful in that a large proportion of the members of St. James gave, or pledged, an amount over \$5400.00. This money will be used to further the work of the Church in this Diocese, in other parts of the United States, and in certain foreign places. The Rector and Mr. James H. Rhine, Jr. and Mr. Raymond Watts, co-chairmen of the committee, thank all whose cooperation has made the project an encouraging and gratifying experience!

Leaders of the Elizabeth Price Martin League at the Philadelphia General Hospital are appealing for help. People who are willing to go to the hospital on Sunday mornings to accompany patients to the Chapel services may give their names to Miss Jenks. The Service is at 9:15 A.M.

Those persons who made a pledge to the "Builders for Christ" campaign may procure a set of envelopes from the Literature Cabinet (or speak to an usher). There are twelve envelopes in a packet. Those who use the envelopes will kindly inscribe their name on each envelope before placing in the Offering plate. This will insure credit being properly noted in the campaign ledger.

Members of the Daughters of the King made their annual pilgrimage on Sunday May 22nd. Churches visited were: Calvary, Rockdale; St. Martin's Marcus Hook; St. Paul's, Chester; and St. John's Concord.

Sometime ago we asked worshippers at the 8:30 A.M. celebration of the Holy Communion to express an opinion about the singing of hymns at that Service. Sixty persons responded. 54 approved; 5 disapproved; 1 had no opinion.

This early celebration is increasingly well attended. We are eager to urge Communicants to participate in the Service at least once each month.

For those who have moved into the community and attend St. James Church, or expect to move elsewhere, it is suggested that a Letter of Transfer be obtained from the former parish to St. James Church, or from St. James Church to the parish which they expect to attend. The clergy are required to check the list of communicants each year and place upon a separate list those who addresses are known but who do not support the Church or attend its services. When addresses are unknown, names are removed entirely from the communicant list and sent to the Registrar of the Diocese. Therefore, it is a mistake to assume that a name is continued on a Parish Register for merely sentimental reasons.

In coming to the Holy Communion there are a few simple rules to follow. Always remove your gloves before coming forward.

Place your right hand in the palm of your left hand and receive the Consecrated Bread in the palm of your right hand and so raise it immediately to your lips.

When the Chalice containing the Consecrated Wine is presented to you, take hold of the base of the Chalice, guide it to your lips, and tip it sufficiently so that you may receive a sip of the wine.

Having received your own communion, return to your pew and remain quietly, offering your own prayers while the others are receiving.

The Rector occasionally receives letters from your men in the Congregation who are stationed in various parts of the globe. In recent months he has heard from James Brockson (France), Evan Tibbott (Greenland), Russell Pottier (Japan), Jack McMullin (Korea), Victor Murray (Massachusetts), Jack Hickey (Alaska). These young men write such interesting letters! And always there is a word of appreciation for their parish Church. They really do miss the fellowship, the Services of Divine Worship, the various activities at St. James.

Here is an excerpt from Jack Hickey's Letter dated December 21st:

"Yesterday I had the unfortunate honor of being on K.P. but at 3 o'clock our time, I took a break and found a secluded corner from which I could visualize the wonderful Candlelight Service that was going on at that time in St. James. We are five (5) hours behind you here. I truly and deeply missed it as I have been a participant in every one for the last eleven (11) years. I am looking forward to this time next year when I can again be home and able to participate once again. I have become attached to All Saints Episcopal Church here in Anchorage and was asked by the minister, Rev. Sayers, to sing in the choir. As my duties are such that I cannot make it to practice, I was forced to decline. I have taken out a set of envelopes here to further the work of the Church in Alaska. It was very gratifying to me to find out that the majority of Alaskans are members of our Church. I was forced by the duty schedule to miss church the first few weeks of my tour here and really felt lost. It is a shame that the people back home who come more or less to take church for granted every Sunday, cannot experience the need and driving desire to attend that one does when he is far from home. I have found since I've been away that the Church is the only solid pillar you can cling to. People know it at home too, but their everyday experience seems to crowd it into the background more than it should be. I have experienced a renewal of strength since I have again been able to attend church regularly here that I wish I could communicate to the folks back home. I'm afraid some of them could very well use it a lot more than they do. The financial situation of the Church seems to be good here. The missionary work here has been wonderful and is still going on in the northern reaches. I wish you would in some way tell them that it has been seen by one of their fellow parishioners, first hand, the wonderful work and results that come from contributing to the red side of their envelope. The Church has made great strides in Alaska and it is something to see. This Christmas Day, I, along with several other fellows from this battery, are journeying up to Palmer, Alaska to have Christmas Day with the crippled children of Bear Mountain Orphanage. It should be good experience for all of us. The Battery offered to give money this year, but they wrote back that the children would appreciate companionship much more, hence our volunteering to go."

Yours truly
JACK HICKEY

St. Peter's Choir School announces the enrollment of boys for the next Semester. Tuition: \$250.00 per year.

"Entrance examinations are given by appointment during the month of May, and are intended to determine the scholastic ability of the candidate. Musical talent is not a requirement; all pupils receive the same musical training, which develops whatever latent musical talent a boy possesses."

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR BIBLE READING.

1. Read slowly and reverently
2. Read with the idea of finding a helpful message for the day.
3. Do not be discouraged if passages are obscure — many will be.
4. Underline passages that impress you as you read.
5. Pick out one short verse for the day's meditation.
6. Keep inviolate the period set aside for daily reading — in the morning preferably.

The Rev'd Paul M. Hayashi will be in New Jersey during the month of June. The date for his return to Japan is not as yet determined. It is possible that during July he will return to the dormitory at the Divinity School for an indefinite stay. We bid him farewell with the assurance of our good wishes and prayers. Mr. Hayashi has been very much a part of our parish life during the past year, and we shall miss him. Our parting message is one of gratitude for what he has contributed of information and friendliness to all who have been associated with him at St. James.

His home address is: St. Peter's Church, Abashiri, Hokkaido, Japan.

From an article in a recent issue of "The Church Review" —

"A college girl of our acquaintance is conducting a quiet survey of her own in the dormitories by asking students this type of question: 'What is the difference between a Christian and a Mohammedan?' The answer is usually, 'A Christian believes in Jesus Christ.' Then she asks, 'Does that make any real difference?'"

She reports that a very large number make this kind of reply: "Why, I never thought much about that but I guess it doesn't matter much after all, does it?" These are average young people largely from average homes of church people. The average, as far as the Christian faith is concerned, is getting lower all the time and spiritual erosion is getting deep. We believe that the major problems we face is not the godless boy and girl so much as the apostate and semi-apostate parent who spiritually reproduce his or her kind.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
DECEMBER 1954
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

As I plan the writing of these "Letters" I always discover a host of matters that I would like to discuss. Then comes the question which is most important? This time I am eager to explain my inability to visit all my parishioners periodically.

The Church like secular businesses is more and more an involved organization in this twentieth century. In the case of St. James there is not only the business side of the parish - the organizations that require a certain amount of a clergyman's time, - and the preparation of Services and Sermons, but there is the matter of administering the affairs of a cemetery. We have an active cemetery at St. James. Interments, preparations for the erection of monuments, arrangements for annual and perpetual care are all a part of the Rector's duties. Letter-writing alone concerning many things in this busy parish is a considerable consumer of time. There is, furthermore, a steady flow of people who by telephone or interview hold conversations with the Rector.

You may well understand that a pastor's day is so filled with a variety of activities that there is little time for study or social life.

I write this not to make anyone feel that I am over-burdened. Like most clergymen I love it or I would not be doing it. But I do want you to understand that I do not get in to visit you because it is an impossibility. Even our aged "shut-ins" do not see me as often as they should.

As a matter of passing interest I looked at the Diocesan Journal to compare St. James with certain other parishes in the Diocese. There is not one, so far as I know, where so many people depend on only one clergyman. Many parishes smaller than this have two clergymen, and perhaps an office secretary besides, to care for all the affairs of the congregation and the organizations. Someday when our budget permits, we may be able to have an associate for the Rector. Until then you will have to be patient and realize that we are doing our utmost to do that which the Church expects of her pastors.

May everyone of us determine to keep Christ in our celebration of Christmas - and may the Season dedicated to the remembrance of Our Lord's Nativity be a time of Peace, and Joy in Believing for all who profess His Name.

Sincerely your friend and Pastor,

JAMES C. GILBERT

Services during the Christmas Season

Sunday, December 19th

- 8:30 A.M. Holy Communion
- 9:40 A.M. Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School
Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering
- 11:00 A.M. Litany, Ante-Communion and Sermon
- 8:00 P.M. "Carols by Candlelight"

Saturday, December 25th - Christmas Day

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Communion
- 9:30 A.M. Holy Communion (Choral) and Sermon

Monday, December 27th

- 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. Party for the Primary Department of the Sunday School
- 7:30 P.M. Senior Department Entertainment and Party

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BAPTISMS: Michael Joseph Brennan, Sharon Ann Dreger, Raymond James Fitzgibbon, Jr., Ruth Louise Gifford, Robert George May, III, David Joseph Moran, Sandra Marie Ross, Stephen Joseph Schmehl, June Barbara Watts, Richard Donald Berridge, Jr., Michael Charles Dowling, Joan Marie Crain, John Steven Espenlaub, Doris Marie Porter, James Charles Porter, Joan Ellen Porter, Linda Vivian Porter, Robert Michael Love, David Allen Barker, Christopher Carlos Monge, Richard Dale Kelley, Allen Lemoine Nichols, Robert Rolland Nichols, Sherry Lee Nichols, Gail June Crowsers, Linda Jean Hornberger, Nancy Lee Jackson, Albert Edward Whisman, Jr., Gail Leslie Hemphill, Janet Elaine Ruh, Lynn Carol Gates, Fred Richard MacMichael, Diane Susan Ferris, Mark Daniel Lentz, Joy Ann Fanning, Sandra Elizabeth Gasbarro, Mark Wayne McLean, Leslie Althea Theis, Bruce William Theis, Howard Clifford Yocum, Wilbur Chapman Yocum, Patricia Louise Chreiman, Barbara Ann Kleckner, Thomas Joseph Horan, Robert Joseph Bowes.

The following persons were baptized conditionally: Florence Phoebe Allen Smith, Thelma Elizabeth Ehrisman Ford, Brinton Allen Ford, Thomas Smith, Mathilde Elizabeth Lehmann, Ethel Woolford Shaw Smith.

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CONFIRMATION: Dorothy Virginia Small, Joyce Elizabeth Munger Osborn, Carol Louise Munger.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Margaret Alice Gardner, Joseph Y. White and Mrs. Florence M. Peake White from The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, 27th and Wharton Streets, Philadelphia; William Hess and Mrs. Ethel May Hess, Miss Violet Stiles from The Church of the Atonement, 47th & Kingessing Ave., Philadelphia; Warren J. Dunning and Mrs. Ethel Stevens Dunning from St. David's Church, Scranton, Penna.

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MARRIAGES: Robert Joseph Barnes and Irene Alice Kudravetz; Donald Paul Myers and Janet Ethel Hughs; William McVean and Kathryn Francis Kerwood; John Newman Wise, Jr. and Jeanette Annie Reed; Harold Thompson

Augustine and Kay Louise Gorson; William Mitchell Wiler and Lorraine Handforth Black; William Joseph Wizst and Elsie Hunter Carlin; Albert Cohen and Marilyn Edna May; Richard Julian Baker and Dolores Winifred Dunstan.

"Whom God hath joined together".

BURIALS: Emma E. Meehla, Mary Perry Colgan, Robert C. Acton, Sr., Mildred Wilson, William Nelson, Julia E. King, John W. Hollingsworth, Elizabeth Gamble, Frank Buchanan, J. Arthur Clifft, Alberta Gardiner, James Wasson, Andrew C. Tittermary, George Anderson, Sr., Clara Taylor, Elizabeth D. Carr, Edward A. Warrington, Margaret E. Onimus, Carl William Leskie, Mabel M. Gwinn.

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The Annual Epiphany Candlelight Service will be held on Sunday, January 9th at 8:00 P.M.

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas contribution. Your liberality will enable the Vestry to balance accounts at the end of the year, and place some monies in the Sinking Fund against painting the tin roof on the Church and painting the 1400 feet of fence enclosing the Church yard during the coming year.

Members of St. James last May pledged over \$6000.00 for the "Builders for Christ" campaign. As of December 1st receipts have been in the amount of \$3,480.50. We trust that this note will remind contributors to keep their payments up-to-date.

The group of women who are making dressings for cancer patients will gladly receive old sheeting, white table cloths, et cetera. All interested persons are invited to join this enterprise - every Thursday (excepting the second) one to three o'clock, the Sparks Building.

The Right Reverend Oliver J. Hart, Bishop of Pennsylvania, will visit St. James Church on Sunday, January 23rd at 7:30 P.M. to administer the Rite of Confirmation. At this writing there are more than forty persons in the class.

The following item is an excerpt from Bishop Hart's letter to the Clergy: "I want to call your special attention to my request in the October issue of the Church News, relative to the recognition of recent confirmees at the time of the Bishop's Visitation. I hope that an earnest effort will be made to get in touch with every person who has been confirmed in your parish in the past ten years, and request them to be present at the service when the Bishop visits your parish. I hope that you will not do this alone, but will have your Vestry and others assist you. I would like the Vestry to be able to tell the Bishop, at the time of the Visitation, the result of their effort. At the service itself, I want to make special recognition of those present at the service."

At St. James we are asking all persons confirmed during or since October 1942 to be present for the Service of solemn re-dedication. (This was the time when Bishop Hart commenced his work in this Diocese as Coadjutor.

We have had as our Sunday guest each week the Rev'd. Ninan Kallumpurath, Pastor of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Kuzhikala, Travancore, India. The Rev'd. Mr. Kallumpurath is a graduate student at the Philadelphia Divinity School.

On Tuesday, January 18th at 8:00 P.M. members of the Daughters of the King and of the Woman's Auxiliary will sponsor an "India" night. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert will show their colored slides on India. The Rev'd. Mr. Kallumpurath will wear a native costume, and give a brief address on his country and people. All are welcome.

We are still appealing for men to assist in the Choir. Those who are willing to devote one evening each week (Thursdays at 8:30 P.M.) please speak to the Rector or to Miss Dixler.

Women who would like to offer a few hours of their time to the Church could do a good service by assisting as a Font Roll visitor. Several families are assigned to each visitor. Periodically (about once every three months) each family is visited and relevant literature is left with the mother. Interested persons may get in touch with Miss Jenks.

Since the Police and Fire Station at 65th Street and Woodland Avenue is being razed the Reserve Police Unit of the 32nd District have had to seek other quarters. The Vestry at St. James Church has offered these public-spirited men the use of the Parish House until the new building is available. The officers will have their telephone and equipment in a basement room of the Sparks Building.

The Annual Chancel Guild Supper Thursday, January 18th, 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. You must have a ticket beforehand. (This is the chief means of financing the work of the Guild. These devoted women provide and care for the choir vestment, the Altar linens, et. cetera. When the Church is carpeted they plan to assume the expense involved for the Sanctuary.)

The many friends of Mr. Robert M. Smith, Secretary of the Vestry, and Superintendent of the Sunday School, will be pleased to know that he is making a satisfactory recovery following his being under a surgeon's care.

If you are seeking a book of devotions for personal use or as a gift the Rector recommends "A Diary of Private Prayer" by John Baillie (\$1.50 at any book store). This is the best volume of the sort that we have ever used. It is written on the level of earnest Christians who have to make their way in the ordinary affairs of a busy, confusing society.

The matter of "selling Chances" et cetera, is a serious problem in this City and State. Of course, as Church people we recognize it as a duty to abide by the laws of the Commonwealth. We, therefore, permit no such programs for raising money. The following is taken from the "Legal Queries" in the Inquirer:

"Lotteries are prohibited by law in Pennsylvania. A lottery exists where a prize is distributed as a result of chance to one of a number of participants who pay a contribution for participating in the opportunity to win..."

Occasionally we are asked about members of other denominations making their communion in the Episcopal Church. A rubric in the Book of Common Prayer reads thus: "And there shall none be admitted to the Holy Communion, until such time as he is confirmed, or be ready and desirous to be confirmed."

In the face of this specific instruction we do feel that when non-Episcopalians are present and desire to receive the Sacrament they may do so with these qualifying conditions: They must be baptized persons; They must agree with the spirit and teachings of the Church as set forth in the Liturgy. It is the Lord's Table, so we would repel no one who earnestly desired to "draw near with faith."

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1955
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

There are three things absolutely necessary in our practice of religion if we are going to know the "joy in believing" and "Peace of God" which have been the experience of earnest Christians from the time of Our Lord. They are:

1. Self-commitment to God in prayer and worship.
2. Unqualified conviction concerning Christian principles of living.
3. Patience.

A true believer submits himself and every circumstance of his life to God's Wisdom and Guidance. He goes about his daily affairs believing that "all things work together for good to them that love God." He cultivates the long-range view of life, its purpose and significance. When he prays it is with the knowledge that God's Will is all important. Hence he is patient, knowing that the affairs of this universe, and of his own tiny life, are in the care of an all-wise, all-loving Creator.

Perhaps the reason for much indifference and lukewarmness in religion to-day is that people look for a quick response to their every effort. It is a machine-age. We are used to pushing a button and seeing the light come on, or the motor start. We put fat and a few other substances in a hopper and, presto, a cake of soap comes out of the other end of the machine. Since prayer and worship don't seem to work out that way people quit praying and worshipping. If saying a prayer at night unerringly brought the desired response in the morning, prayer would become a more popular exercise. If humility, compassion, honesty, brotherliness brought immediate and tangible proof of their worth people would quickly cultivate the Godly virtues. Since these virtues sometimes require sacrifice and inconvenience they are abandoned in favor of more profitable and "practical" habits. And the people who adhere to the Christian standards are dubbed idealists, dreamers, visionaries.

This is God's world, not man's. The wise persons are those who place God's Will and Word first. Sooner or later they come to know the excellence of the Christian Way of Life. Like the ancient psalmist their concluding sentiment is this "O Lord God of Hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee." (Psalm 84:13).

I desire that each of you may have increasing joy and assurance as you offer yourselves to God in prayer and worship during this Holy Season.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

JAMES C. GILBERT.

THE PARISH REGISTER
December 2, 1954 to March 16, 1955

BAPTISMS: Eugene LeRoy Nichols, Eugene LeRoy Nichols, Jr., Donald Robert Lynch, John Curran Smith, Linda Sharon Spence, John Winfield Chestnut III, Gordon Weaver Gabell (Baptized Conditionally), Steven Thomas Graham, Carolyn Ann Grazioso, Kevin Mullen, Glenn Thomas Trowbridge, Carol Ann Mowbray, Armand Jay Toussaint, Paul Curtis Sminkey, James Francis Murray, Ruth Ann Christie, Mitchell Walter Francis, Howard Joseph Stephens.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God,
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CONFIRMATIONS: Helen Mathias Brennan, James Joseph Brennan III, Franklin Delano Brunn, Frank Callo, Gloria Jean Callo, Joan Barbara Callo, Mary Lou Coulter, Warren John Dunning, Jr., Thomas Harry Engle, Brinton Allen Ford, Thelma Elizabeth Ehrisman Ford, Edna Mae Frank, Judith Florence Fury, Gordon Weaver Gabell, William Lloyd Ireton Gleaves, Nellie Allen Pidgeon Horan, Emma Erika Schall Hummel, Mathilde Elizabeth Lehmann, Paul Richard MacMichael, Isabelle Marie Leydet Moran, Joseph James Moran, Esther Irene Hill Morgan, Eugene LeRoy Nichols, Marie Neta Smith Nichols, Renee June Orrell, Donald George Pagan, Theodore Charles Phelps, Jr., Ann Peters Schultz, Emma Margaret Mary Copple Smith, Ethel Woolford Shaw Smith, Florence Phoebe Allen Smith, Thomas Smith, Carol Anne Spence, William John Swahl, Carol Lee Van Fosson, Carol Ann Whaley, Anne Rebecca Wilkinson, Charles Leonard Williams Jr., Gail Lorraine Wilson, William James Wismer, Ralph Schofield Yerkes, Susanne Stokes Yerkes.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Jacqueline Scargle from St. Alban's Church, Newtown Square, Pa.; Barbara Mae Stocker from The Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22'nd and Morris Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: John W. McDonald and Clara Lloyd Steinmetz; Robert J. Goodwin and Elizabeth R. Tustin; Theodore R. Douglas and Irma Ann Null.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Alvin Hunsberger, Frank McKissick, Josephine E. Sheridan, Kathryne H. Smith, John Kerslake, Roy Frazier Bowker, Caroline Million, Elizabeth M. Weida, Leonard T. West, Matilda Govett, J. Franklin Thompson, Clarence W. Gardner, William Lloyd, Josephine Lower, James Smith.

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in the paradise of God."

Holy Week Services as follows:

Palm Sunday, April 3rd

8:30 A.M. Holy Communion

9:40 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon
(distribution of Palms at each Service)

Maundy Thursday

8:00 P.M. The Holy Communion

Good Friday

11:45 A.M. Children's Service

12:15 - 1:45 P.M. Meditations on the Passion

1:45 - 3:00 P.M. Matthew's "Gethsemane to Golgotha."

Easter Even (Saturday)

4:00 P.M. Holy Baptism

Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day.
Celebrations at 6:30; 8:00; 11:00 A.M.

The enclosed envelope is for your special Easter Offering.

"Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity."

Tobit IV:8,9.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th Street and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, April 11, 1955 at 8:00 P.M.

"The members of the Corporation, who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before the meeting of the Corporation, shall be all Lay, Baptized, and Confirmed persons of the age of Twenty-one years or upwards who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual Place of Public Worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the Corporation during each of two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: James H. Rhine, Jr.; William K. Scott, Sr.; Earl A. Smith, Sr. (These same gentlemen are eligible for re-election since by the by-laws place no restriction on Vestrymen succeeding themselves).

The boys and girls of the Sunday School will have their Annual Bazaar on Wednesday, April 27th. Your contributions will be appreciated. Home made cakes and candies; fancy goods; contributions for the "White Elephant" table; are all acceptable. Part of the proceeds of this occasion are used to supplement the Lenten Mite-box Offering. The goal for the Sunday School Offering this year is \$1300.00. The monies are presented at a special service during May and used in the Missionary work of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Earl A. Smith, Sr. is giving St. James a Litany Desk as a memorial to his late wife, Kathryn H. Smith, for many years a devoted member of this parish. The Desk is being made by Mr. George Ciukerescu from plans made by the late Mr. Boggs who designed the Chancel and Sanctuary furnishings.

Members of St. James Congregation pledged over \$6000.00 to the "Builders for Christ" Fund. At this writing about \$4200.00 has been paid. Subscribers are asked to complete their payments before July 1, 1955. One of the institutions to benefit from the Fund is the Divinity School. A new building to provide rooms for students, and much needed dining facilities, will be erected when the monies are available.

The Vestry plans to re-paint the interior of the Church during the Summer. Since this work requires the installation of scaffolding we are advising prospective brides and grooms not to plan to have formal weddings during July and August.

The following books published by Seabury Press (the official Press of the Episcopal Church) have been placed in the Paschalville Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia:

"The Holy Scriptures" - Robert C. Dentan, Ph.D.
"Chapters in Church History" - Powell Mills Dawley, Ph.D.
"The Faith of the Church" - James A. Pike and W. Norman Pittenger
"The Worship of the Church" - Massey H. Shepherd, Jr.

This gift was made possible by the "Men's Discussion Group" of St. James.

One of the matters that will be presented to the Congregational meeting on Easter Monday is that of sending quarterly statements to all persons using the envelopes for their weekly contribution. At the end of March, June, September and December a reminder would be mailed to each contributor noting how much, up to that date, had been received by the Vestry. Such a statement would in no sense be a bill.

The principle reason for sending out such a statement is that it enables the Parish to have a follow-up for the Every Member Canvass. One year in our Canvass 530 persons agreed to take a set of envelopes and make regular periodic payments. At the end of that year there were over 80 persons who had not used a single envelope! We feel that such laxness is not fair to those who do endeavor to support the Church by regular giving. And we believe, further, that many of those eighty had they been sent a periodic reminder would have met their financial obligation to the Church.

So, we are asking you to consider this matter, and to come to the meeting on April 11th prepared to express your opinion by casting a vote for or against the plan.

The Rector of St. Peter's Church, Third and Pine Streets, is eager to increase the enrollment in the Choir School (Grades 4 to 9). Some scholarships are available. Interested parents may write to the School for a catalogue.

The following was adopted last summer at the Anglican Congress in Minneapolis:

"The Anglican Communion is a fellowship of Churches at one and the same time Catholic in seeking to do justice to the wholeness of Christian truth, in emphasizing continuity through the Episcopate, and in retaining the historic Creeds and Sacraments of undivided Christendom; and Evangelical in its commission to proclaim the Gospel and in its emphasis on personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour. In loyalty to the New Testament it is free in its quest for truth, in the faith that Christ is the Lord of all truth.

"Truly to be an Anglican is to combine within oneself both Catholic and Protestant traditions in a dynamic relationship. The tension between these different traditions becomes creative when it is held in charity... If Anglicanism did not preserve variety in unity, it would make a poorer contribution to the Church Universal. It is our costly responsibility to hold together these loyalties in mutual forbearance, trust and cooperation in the Church's work and mission." - Anglican Congress 1954 - Report of Proceedings Pp37.....Seabury Press.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
SUMMER 1955
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

One wonders at the motives that impel people to embrace, and adhere to the Christian religion. And what takes people to the Church participate in Divine Worship? Doubtless a kind of selfishness is one reason: nearly everyone is seeking security; and spiritual security is a source of assurance, joy and comfort. Ultimately an earnest believer grows, by the Grace of God, into a life of commitment. He places his trust in God, He seeks earnestly to know the commandments and will of God, and to live his life in accord with what he has learned. This is what the Christian means when he speaks about being a disciple, not for any material or worldly advantage, but rather that he may live for the greater Glory of God.

The Christian religion in our generation is suffering from two unique maladies. (Of course, there are others, but they are not peculiar to this era).

The one symptom is that of using the Gospel and the Church as a kind of hand-maid to the cult of prosperity and healthy-mindedness. There is a great deal of talk about the relationship between the practice of religion and one's temporal prosperity and physical well-being. We have no doubt but what the children of God do experience certain financial and personal advantages because of their Faith. But it is wrong to tell people that if they will but accept a certain creedal formula they will prosper, and get rid of their ulcers. The emphasis in our Lord's teaching is always on living a spiritual life: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness," and the other needed things will be added.

Another serious symptom in this Twentieth Century is the tendency, at least among many evangelical churches, to turn the services of Divine Worship into a kind of religious entertainment: I recall the member of a certain denomination telling me that his pastor wanted to have the Holy Communion at the one Easter morning service. "We objected," said my informant, "We told him we just wanted some good music and a nice sermon." Of course, the pastor was right. His parishioners wanted their Worship to be a kind of pious pastime.

We agree that there is a certain entertainment value in religion, and Churches could and should make more of it on special occasions. But the Services of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day should never be sacrificed to any popular desire for that which is merely pleasant and entertaining. The same thing must be said about sermons. Sermons should be informative, inspiring, comforting; never trivial, or merely interesting.

May all of us have a right understanding about the Church, her motives and mission, and especially about her worship and the Gospel which she proclaims.

With every good wish for a pleasant and refreshing Summer,

I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER
March 26 to June 12, 1955

BAPTISMS: Cathy Ellen Gibson, Beryl Mae Mertz, Gilbert Raymond Lock, Brian Gilbert Lock, Robert Scott Stewart, Barbara Joan Parker, Kevin Craig Shelly, Marie Anna Schwartz, Ralph John Bubenich, Barry Lee Jones, George Harris White, III, Robert Leonard Stackhouse, Frank Axel Stackhouse, Wayne Richard Dugan, David Wayne Hunter, Patricia May Wagner.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God,
and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Henry Benjamin Harvey from St. Wilfred's Church, Camden, New Jersey; Mrs. Jennie Williamson from St. Titus Church, 84th and Tinicum Avenue, Philadelphia.

"We have fellowship one with another."

MARRIAGES: Earl A. Smith, Jr. and Marion G. Applegate; Richard Russell Pottier and Ruth Mae Averell; Charles A. Hendry and Helen B. Griffiths.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Mahalah Ferris, Henrietta Morgan, Earl M. Kase, William J. Hanna, Jennie G. Hollowbush, Mary Neely, Charles A. Mokle, Edward R. Geles, Clarence S. Pyle, Clara E. Cooper, Rudolph F. Thies, Harriet J. Elliott, Charles H. Scott, Sarah F. Hamilton.

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When there is no conflict with our parish program we endeavor to make the Sparks Building (sometimes we refer to it as the Parish House) available for community affairs. The Red Cross uses it as a blood-donor station; the Parent-Teachers associations of the Tilden Junior High and the Bartram Senior High Schools have held their annual luncheons in the Guild Room. Among those using the building during the past year was the Woodland District Cub Pack 115. On two occasions they held meetings. Since the members of these Cub Packs are young boys we especially appreciate their making a contribution to the Re-decoration Fund at St. James Church.

We should add as a passing comment that the building is never "rented" to any organization. The City of Philadelphia makes no tax assessment on parish houses. Therefore, no fee is ever accepted for the use of the building.

During the Fall we plan to have a "Family Service" every Sunday at St. James. The service will be at 9:40 A.M. Parents who would like to join their children in Divine Worship may come at that hour. While the children are in class for their instruction the parents will remain in the Church for an address. A Senior Student at the Divinity School will be the leader for the parents in their session together. We shall be reminding parents about this during September.

Please keep in mind that the Finance Committee needs your regular contributions during the Summer. Do not fail to keep your envelopes up-to-date.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
DECEMBER 1955
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Recently I was listening to two radio broadcasters engaging in very entertaining repartee. One of the two said, "Do you think man has progressed?" The other, forgetting for the moment their banter, and in a very serious mood, said, "In a general way 'yes'! But not personally. The great number of people manifest a lack of restraint, a need of self-discipline—" In this vein of thought he continued; and it was a good commentary on the standards, or lack of them, in our day.

Most of us are quite satisfied with ourselves. We live in a wonderful land. We enjoy many creature comforts and conveniences. We have many reasons to assert that "Life is good." All the while, however, so many people are failing to do anything about their own personalities and characters. There is little evidence of the very qualities the commentator mentioned: self-restraint and self-discipline. There is too little of conviction about moral and spiritual matters, too little of willingness to sacrifice one's comfort and resources in order to attain a worthy objective, or assist a worthy cause.

Those who endeavor to live a religious life know that it is only by constant practice of the disciplines that the Gospel holds before us that we grow spiritually. Growth is a fundamental principle of all life. Either you grow or you deteriorate. We need to make sure then that the while we are enjoying all the benefits of this progressive civilization that we are not becoming morally and spiritually soft. The words of Oliver Goldsmith are relevant: "Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey
Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

With every good wish for a Blessed Christmas, I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

JAMES C. GILBERT.

THE PARISH REGISTER
June 13 to November 8, 1955.

BAPTISMS: Joyce Ann Wolfert, Gail Ann Humphreys, William Arnold Kephart, Arnold Wayne Kephart, Barbara Ann Snyder, Donna Lee Trelease, Carol Elizabeth Perrigo, Kathleen Lynn Sullivan, Deborah Ann Henry, Linda Ellen Northwood, Barbara Ann Hoch, Carol Ann Hoch, Leslie Ann Lunn, Richard William Tustin, James Steven Xenakis, Joseph Charles Waldou, Jr., James Frank Brookson, Jr., Erma May Paul, Samuel Bartram Paul, III, Sandra Elaine Paul, Shirley Arlene Paul, Leslie Virginia Thurman, Deborah Colleen Kelly, Donna Louise Kelly, Patricia Jean Kurtz, Daniel Ralph Shaffer, William Henry Hunter III, Robert Francis Stephens, Edward James Ward.

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MARRIAGES: David Charles Filson and Ethel Gwendolyn Davidson; Kenneth Harlan Todd and Flora Margaret Kelley; James Ripley and Evelyn Hill; Ernest John Walter III and Adelyn Violet Hanisoo; Edward Louis Barnabei and Thelma Ruth Fithian; Alberto Raimondo and Alberta May Plummer.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: William A. Tangye, May Richardson, Lucy M. Campbell, Matilda Winkler, William F. Oetzel, William H. Close, Carrie A. Robinson, Mary F. Nuttall, Dora Woodall, William H. Martin, Alice Walker, Martha Mitchell, Lydia Pyne, Daniel F. Mumbower, Michael Ames, Henrietta Bradt, W. Paul Egleston, Henry T. Moore, Samuel B. Paul, Jr., Marian C. Miller, Margaret Hamilton, Henrietta Lukscheiter, John A. Westenberger, Catherine S. Campbell, Paul W. Albright, William Leslie Hare, Thomas J. Deeley, John Cybak, Jane Thompson, Charles H. Green, Alice Tatem, Herman Niemi, James F. Wiley, David H. Bye, Josephine E. McGormick, Mary R. Smith.

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This Letter is in the mail much earlier than usual. Since it is third class material (using pre-cancelled stamps) Postmasters are permitted to deliver it when convenient. Last year quite a number of the letters were held in the Postoffices until after Christmas. Hence our effort this year to get ahead of the Christmas rush.

Are your contributions to your Church up-to-date? Do you feel that you have been just in what you have apportioned out of your income to God's work? We read a short time ago about a layman who increased his pledge to the Church by a great amount. In talking with his Pastor he said, "I sat down to figure out how much I spent on my car which is used almost entirely for pleasure. Then I thought of my Church and how much it means to me. Even though my business is not as profitable as it has been I decided that I certainly ought to give my Church more than what I put into my car."

It would do all of us good to study our budget and compare our Church giving with the cost of our pleasures and luxuries.

The Bishops usually visit a Parish Church once each year. There are five purposes stated by the Canons of the Church. Canon 43 Section 2 (a) reads thus:

"Every Bishop shall visit the Congregations within his Diocese or Missionary District at least once in three years, for the purposes of examining their condition, inspecting the behavior of the Clergy, administering Confirmation, preaching the Word, and at his discretion celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. At every visitation it shall be the duty of the Bishop to examine the records required by Canon 45, Section 3."

Most Bishops add to this a session with the Vestry to discuss the problems and affairs of the Parish.

The Rt. Rev'd. William P. Roberts, D.D., will visit St. James on Sunday January 22nd, 7:45 P.M. to administer the Rite of Confirmation. All are urged to be present and renew their Confirmation vows.

The Calendar for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Seasons is as follows:

Sunday December 11th - 7:45 P.M. "Lucia Fest" a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs. Miss Mathilde Lehmann, Miss Madeline Brown and Mrs. James Brennan are presenting this program as a memorial to Miss Katharine R. Rambo, the author of the pageant. Following the Service in the Church, Coffee and

Coffee cake will be served in the Parish House. (Parishioners are reminded that last year people had to be refused admittance to the Church. If you want a seat, come early).

Sunday December 18th - 9:40 A.M. Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School. Presentation of the children's Christmas offering.
8:00 P.M. The annual Service "Carols by Candlelight." The Preacher will be the Rt. Rev'd. Y. Y. Tsu, retired Bishop of the Church in China.

Sunday December 25th, Christmas Day
8:30 A.M. Holy Communion
9:40 A.M. Family Worship and Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Holy Communion and Sermon

Tuesday December 27th
2:00 P.M. Christmas Party for the Sunday School Nursery through Third Grade
7:30 P.M. Christmas Party Fourth Grade and Upper School

Sunday January 1st (New Year's Day)
8:30 A.M. Holy Communion
9:40 A.M. Family Worship and Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Holy Communion and Sermon

Sunday January 8th - 8:00 P.M. Epiphany Candlelight Service. This is a dramatic and colorful representation of the visit of the MAGI to the Manger at Bethlehem.

During the last several years we have been hearing much about "Putting Christ back into Christmas". We certainly endorse the idea. The cards we send, the gifts we give, the social affairs we participate in can all reflect the Spirit of Jesus of Nazareth. Especially ought we to determine to have a Manger in our homes, a constant reminder of the Nativity. The story of the Birth of our Lord ought to be read on occasions so that our children will be very familiar with it. (The story is in two of the Gospels: St. Matthew 1:18 - 2:23 and St. Luke 1:1 - 2:39. The section of greatest interest for the children in St. Luke 2:1 - 20.) An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas Offering.

During the Summer the Rector received a letter from a young couple:

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

My wife and I are tithing and we want St. James to be part of it. Please use this money for God's work.

Sincerely,

A cheque for \$152.00 was enclosed. We certainly commend this young couple. They have their children to raise, and all the costly business of providing and maintaining a home in this commercialized era. You may be sure, however, that their home will have a Spirit and atmosphere that money can never buy. Their children will experience an influence for generosity and interest in God's work that will stay with them all the days of their lives.

Altos and Men's voices are needed for the Choir. Interested persons may speak to Miss Bixler or Mr. Gilbert.

At 9:40 o'clock every Sunday morning we have a Family Worship Service. The boys and girls of the Sunday School (the Upper School), and such adults as wish to, attend this Service. Following the period of worship the Sunday School pupils go to their classes. The adults remain in the Church for a period of instruction. Mr. John Norman, a Senior in the Seminary, conducts the class period for adults. Each week has brought more parents to participate in the Worship with their children. We invite and urge all parents of Sunday School pupils to help us make this truly a Family Service.

Every Sunday there is a memorial prayer for certain persons who have departed this life. Previously we endeavored to use the prayer at the Service attended by members of the interested family. Hereafter we shall say the memorial prayer only at the 8:30 o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion.

During the Summer the interior of the Church was re-decorated. By the time this letter is in the hands of parishioners the aisles, Chancel, and Sanctuary will have been carpeted. The total cost of the two projects is in excess of \$ 5,000.00. Funds approximating this amount are available through the generous contributions of many parishioners and friends. Persons desiring to do so may still send in an envelope inscribing it "Redecoration Fund."

There are copies of a "Parish Identification" card in the Literature cabinet. The card reads:

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Parish Identification

(Mr. - Mrs. - Miss)
is a member of _____ Church
City _____ State _____
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
Notify a priest of the Episcopal Church

Take one of these cards, fill it in and carry it in your wallet. If any members would like to have the seal of the parish stamped on it place it in a self-addressed envelope and leave the card with Miss Jenks, or with an Usher at any Service.

Sometimes Church members fail to realize that the maintenance of Services of Divine Worship is primarily their responsibility. To be sure the Clergy conduct the Worship, instruct and preach. But the Clergy cannot fill the pews, too. The Clergy cannot offer that worship and love toward God which is each Christian soul's privilege and vocation. If you are not in your pew each Lord's Day to say "Thank you, God" you are depriving God of the love and loyalty He deserves and desires. And you are cheating yourself out of spiritual grace, blessings and insight, that would make your life much more meaningful and joyous.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1956
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

During the past several years it has been increasingly difficult to interest many of our young people in a Sunday evening program. Up until the 1950's large numbers of boys and girls of Junior and Senior High School age seemed to be glad to attend a meeting at seven o'clock. The programs were diversified: worship, discussion groups, et cetera. It was a stimulating experience for 'teen-agers, and offered ample opportunity for sociability and service.

Why is the response so indifferent now? We are inclined to lay the blame on the Sunday TV programs, and on the family car. To-day nearly everyone has a Television set. Four out of five families have a car. Sunday is frequently the occasion for visiting relatives and friends. So there is no time left for the youth meeting.

This lack of interest is regrettable. It deprives young people of the challenge of doing things on their own: arranging service projects, planning for socials, developing a study program. It further deprives boys and girls of the opportunity of associating with other young people of the Congregation. Parents may well consider this matter and, if they like what the Sunday Evening Fellowship has to offer, make it possible for, and encourage their sons and daughters to attend.

May this Passiontide and Easter Season be a time of Spiritual refreshment and new aspirations, and may it bring a stronger conviction that the Way of Christ is the only Way of Life and Peace.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

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Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: Mr. Howard E. Cosgrove, Mr. Henry A. Marta, Mr. P. John Moore. (These gentlemen are eligible for re-election since the by-laws place no restriction on Vestrymen succeeding themselves.)

BAZAAR and SUPPER

The boys and girls of the Sunday School will have their annual Bazaar and Supper on Wednesday, April 25th. Your contributions and patronage will be appreciated. Part of the proceeds will be placed in the Benevolence and Missionary Account. Some of the monies are placed in a Special Fund for various Sunday School projects.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS

The Rector wishes those whom he usually visits at the Easter Season to know that he may not come for the Service of Holy Communion until the month of April. The early date for Easter this year is crowding the Lenten schedule.

THE PARISH REGISTER
November 8, 1955 to March 1, 1956

BAPTISMS: Stephen Charles Butkus, James Richard Hastings, Robert William Hastings, Stephen James Shaffer, Ruth Coburn, George Clancy Burns, James William Alek, Barbara Louise Perry, Teresa Ann Estes, Phyllis Mae Vile, Albert George Cloud, Adele Marie Nauss, Janice Claire Kwartnik, Denise Johanna Camp, Lisa Gaye Augustine, Marie Louise Connor, Glenn LeRoy Nichols, Walter Edward Klodnicki, Jr., Janet Ann Wolfgang, Dorothy Elizabeth Summers, Dennis Kevin Grimes, Sandra Marie McIntyre, Leslie Norman Hauser.

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CONFIRMATIONS: Andrew John Anderson, Ruth Harriet Anthony, Daniel Robert Apostolu, Raymond Ammon Brosius, Jr., Thomas Henry Buck III, George C. Burns, Sr., Howard Edward Cosgrove, Jr., Carol Ann Coulter, Beverly Ann Gaul, Florence Penda Harper, Thomas William Harper, Arnold Albert Heaton, Myrtle Wibberly Heaton, Judith Ann Higman, Anita Louise Hosbach, Joseph Carl Hummel, Jack Guildford Kurtz, Jr., Louise Theresa Kurtz, Francis Joseph McCaffery, Grace Marie McMenamin, Sybil Louise Mertz, William Christian Mertz, John Alexander Moore, Margaret Ann Nonemacker, Janice Marie O'Neill, John Martin O'Neill, Jr., Nancy Helen Perry, Walter Salinske, Dorothy Virginia Spence, Robert James Spence, Stephen Robert Stewart, Walter Edwin Stinger, Sr., Carole June Tustin, Sandra Lee Vile, June Barbara Watts, Merriam Arbutus Ruth White, Anna Woodruff, Daniel McNiel Woodruff.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: James Mendez DeAcereto from Trinity Church, Columbia, South Carolina; Ronald Evans Joseph from St. Mark's, 11th and Locust Streets, Philadelphia; Viola Thompson Francis from Trinity Memorial Church, Binghamton, New York; John Beattie from Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, 27th and Wharton Streets, Philadelphia; Harry Thompson and Mrs. Ruth Gilbert Thompson from Trinity Memorial Church, 22'd. and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia.

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TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Joyce Elizabeth Munger Osborn to St. George's, Schenectady, New York; Robert W. Dugan, Jr. and Mrs. Helen Kathryn Haas Dugan to Trinity Memorial Church, 22'nd and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia; Mrs. Margaret Fleming Leidy to St. Mary's Church, Haddon Heights, New Jersey; Mrs. Florence M. Rogerson Judick to Memorial Church of St. Paul, 15th & Porter Streets, Philadelphia; Mrs. Marian Esther Cook Perry to St. George's Church, 61st and Hazel Avenue, Philadelphia; Ruth Sinner Griffith to St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

MARRIAGES: Samuel B. Hewlings and Anna Robinson Engquist; James Terrance Corcoran and Elaine Marie Diedell, Gordon Lock and Gertrude Alison Murrison.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Harry Williamson, Jennie K. Diehl, Kathleen F. Cafron, John H. Jones, Gertrude Hain, Charles M. Cammer, Anders Raymond Hanson, Andrew E. Morrison, Jr., John E. L. Wagner, Annie J. Williams, Mary Tobias Chellew, Viola M. Snyder, Bertha V. Mager, Emma Hess, Anna Clara Seiberling, Louisa Edwards, Margaret Huson, Bertha W. McClarin, Catherine Sidone, James C. Stewart, Margaret E. Magee, Charles Benichert, Louise Goessel, George L. Bennett, Charles M. Brandt, I Stevens Sparkman, Florence Fulmer.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES as follows:

Palm Sunday, March 25th

8:30 A.M. Holy Communion
9:40 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon
(Distribution of Palms at each Service)

Maundy Thursday

8:00 P.M. The Holy Communion

Good Friday

11:45 A.M. Children's Service
12:15 - 1:45 P.M. Meditations on the Passion
1:45 - 3:00 P.M. Matthew's "Gethsemane to Golgotha."

Easter Even (Saturday)

4:00 P.M. Holy Baptism

EASTER DAY

6:30 A.M. Holy Communion
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion (Choral)
9:40 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School. (Presentation of the Mite Boxes)
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon
(Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day)

The enclosed envelope is for your special Easter Offering.

"Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thyself a good reward in the day of necessity." Tobit IV:8,9.

MEMORIALS

On Sunday, February 19th a Litany Desk was dedicated as a memorial to the late Kathryn H. Smith for many years a devoted member of the parish. Mr. Earl A. Smith, Jr., son of the deceased, and formerly a Lay Reader at St. James, used the "prie-dieu" to lead the Congregation in saying the Litany on the occasion of the dedication. Mr. Earl A. Smith Sr. was the donor of this fitting memorial.

On Sunday, January 29th we dedicated an American Flag which adorns the Chancel. The flag, the gift of his family, is a memorial to the late Wilbur F. Maxwell. (The flag previously in the Chancel was a memorial to the late Elizabeth A. Shaw.)

SOFT-BALL TEAM

The Men's Club have been interested in sponsoring various athletic activities at St. James. Just now the Club is looking forward to the soft-ball season. Any persons interested in playing give your name and address to an Usher. The Club would appreciate the assistance of any man who would offer his services as a coach or manager.

MARTIN LUTHER FILM

The Young People's Fellowship has arranged a showing of the film "Martin Luther" for Sunday April 29th at 7:30 P.M. This is a conspicuous picture for both its message and its dramatic quality. All are invited to be present. The picture will be shown in the Auditorium of the Sparks Building.

YOUR WILL

"The Minister is ordered, from time to time, to advise the People, whilst they are still in health, to make Wills arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, and, when of ability, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses." Book of Common Prayer - page 320

Each of us, where it is possible, should arrange for some gift of his or her estate to a Church institution. We particularly commend for your consideration this parish Church of St. James of Kingessing, and the Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

CONVOCATION OF WEST PHILADELPHIA

The Convocation of West Philadelphia will meet at St. James on Thursday, April 12th. The Women's Meeting is at 4:00 P.M. (The Sparks Building). The Men meet in the Church at 4:30 P.M. Supper follows at six o'clock, and then a fitting program. (The Convocation is an organization of all Episcopal Congregations in West Philadelphia. Its primary purpose is to encourage the Missionary work of the Church in this area. Of course, other matters concerning the welfare of the Church are considered.)

Some married couples have been eager to organize a Club. Such an organization would offer the opportunity for an educational program as well as social and recreational affairs. If any others are interested please speak or write to the Rector, or to Miss Jenks.

We do not particularly like to refer to members of St. James being hospitalized but since that is one of the experiences of living we would remind parishioners that when they do enter a hospital they should give their Church affiliation. Some hospitals, when they have the needed information, notify the Clergy. So often a pastor learns about a parishioner's illness, perhaps surgery, long after the return home. The Clergy appreciate it if they are informed by the person, or the family, when a parishioner is in the need of pastoral visitation.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
SUMMER 1956
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Many people living in various sections of this city are concerned about their neighborhoods. For years they have lived in a community that has seen little of change. Since the War every available piece of ground has been used for erecting new homes. Suburban developments have invited their attention. Some of them move to the ultra-modern house beyond the city boundary. Or their children, having come of age and marrying, decide to establish their home elsewhere. If the parents remain in the accustomed house they continue to be worried about their old neighbors moving away, and about the kind of new neighbors who are going to move in.

This matter concerns me as it does the pastor of so many city parishes. What is happening to our congregations? At St. James there is a constant migration of our members to communities in Delaware County and elsewhere. It is especially so among our young married couples. Unfortunately, there is no great influx of others to take their places. It appears that not too many of the new residents of this section of the city are Episcopalians.

As we consider the problems confronting St. James Church those of us who remain in this area must realize that maintaining the Services of Divine Worship and other activities of our Church is increasingly our responsibility. We cannot sit at home and forget that we have a share in the public offering of prayer and praise to Almighty God. Nor can we complacently side-step our part in underwriting the budget of our parish activities.

All of us must face the fact that the welfare of the Church depends greatly on each of us. If we are indifferent then the Church becomes ineffective. If we are enthusiastic and dedicated to God's Service our parish Church reflects our zeal and interest.

St. James is experiencing a change in her membership. That does not mean that there is necessarily a slackening of activities. There are hundreds of us in this Congregation who can be ever on the alert bringing new-comers into the Church, and using every opportunity to strengthen Parish organizations. If all of us cherish a genuine love for old St. James our efforts and prayers will witness a steady increase in membership and advance in all our varied activities.

Trusting that this will be a pleasant Summer, and with every good wish, I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

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BAPTISMS: Claire Ruth Toyer, Linda Jean Rippel, Joyce Ann Frew, Diane Helen Canavin, Ronald Alan Maurer, Patricia Louise White, Julia Anne Baker, James Edward Pitts, Guylynne Lenore Alexander, Janet Susan Wise, Leslie Ann Mull, Richard William Johnson, James Maynard Fullerton, Barry Alan Stewart, Raymond Dennis Lock.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mary Lindell Howard from the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, 27th and Wharton Streets, Philadelphia; Frazier McClintic from St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, Virginia; Clayton Howard from the Church of the Holy Apostles and Mediator, Philadelphia, Pa.

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TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: George Burns and Mrs. Minnie Burns to St. Luke's Church, Fort Myers, Florida; Henry Herbert Sherer to Christ Church, Eureka, California.

MARRIAGES: James Barclay Berstler and Joan Marilyn Ravert; Victor Nelson Murray, Jr. and Phyllis Emily Jasinski; Walter Jackson Robertson and Charlotte Jule Harrison.

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BURIALS: George H. DeViney, Carol Joan Beppel, James Sheppard, George Sampson, Jr. Cornelius Peterson, Frank Hall, Olga Maria Anderson, Mamie West, William T. Oldham, Susannah Baur, Thomas Phelps, Merritt H. Hollowbush, John Plonis, Robert Averell, Carolyn M. Dinmore, Harry C. Hummel, James Ballentine, Alfred C. Brindley, George Schmoll, Sr., Joseph E. Clapper, Sr., Sarah Anna Bryan.

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THE RECTORY KITCHEN

Some months ago the Vestry authorized Mr. Roy Cobb, Sr., Chairman of the Property Committee, to consider the matter of modernizing the Rectory Kitchen. The kitchen had known no major improvements in fifty years except the removal of the coal stove and replacing it with a gas range. During the past month there has been a transformation. The old "dresser" has been taken out. Modern metal cabinets now line the walls. Attractive tiling covers the floor. The ceilings in both kitchen and laundry have been re-plastered. A new sink, and a gas oven and range, have been installed. To make the change entirely up-to-date there is an electric dish washer. We hope that all of our parishioners will have an opportunity to see this "picture-book" kitchen.

Since these alterations were a costly project (somewhat over \$3000.00) the Vestry is asking the members of the Congregation to make a contribution. We hope that all will use the enclosed envelope and return it at any time before October 28th.

JUNIOR GIRLS CHOIR

Any girls interested in the Junior Girls' Choir may speak to Mrs. Gilbert. Candidates must be in the fourth grade or over. Rehearsals are held during the School year on Thursdays at four o'clock.

SIGHT-SEERS AT ST. JAMES

It is very gratifying to talk with the sight-seers who visit St. James Church, and to hear their compliments concerning this lovely House of God. The comments are always glowing appreciations of the simple but dignified building, and of the colorful interior furnishings and decoration. Certainly all of us who call St. James "our Church" should cherish our possession, and enjoy its grace and loveliness. To come into St. James is to invade an atmosphere of peace and sanctity, of beauty and quietness. To leave St. James after prayer and worship is to go one's way refreshed, inspired, and with a firmer faith in the Eternal. "Surely the Lord is in this place."

RECTOR'S HOLIDAY

During the month of August when the Rector is on holiday the Rev'd. Paul D. Felton will officiate at the celebrations of the Holy Communion. (These services are 8:30 A.M. each Sunday and 11 o'clock on the first Sunday of August). The other services (9:40 and 11:00 each Sunday) will be conducted by Mr. George Luck, a Seminarian.

Any members of St. James desiring the services of a clergyman during the Rector's absence may telephone the Rev'd. Paul D. Felton, FARRAGUT 9-5055.

Workers who are regular churchgoers make better employees than the less devout.....400 employees of a Midwest manufacturing company were interviewed. Half of the group were well adjusted and efficient, while the rest were dissatisfied and less productive. Three out of four with strong religious belief were in the well adjusted group. (Public Relations News Release)

SPARKS IMPROVEMENT

The Committee for the improvement of the Sparks Memorial Building has been in consultation with Mr. Walter F. Thaete, Registered Architect. Mr. Thaete has made several suggestions for possible improvement of the Sparks Building in order that it may serve more effectively for our various activities. After the Committee has studied the matter it will submit a report to a Congregational Meeting.

CHANCEL HYMNAL

On Sunday, June 10th, at the 9:40 o'clock Service the Rector dedicated a Hymnal for use in the Chancel. The Hymnal is the gift of those members of the Sunday School who have made a contribution in their Birthday envelopes.

SANCTUARY RAIL

Some persons state that they are unduly uncomfortable kneeling at the Sanctuary Rail. With the carpeting of the Church, and since a foam rubber padding was used at the rail, the cushions were removed. We are eager to hear from all who feel that some sort of cushion should be placed at the rail for their comfort.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Each week flowers are placed on the Altar by interested donors, usually as a memorial to someone departed this life. Since it is almost impossible to arrange the schedule for using the memorial prayer at the Service when the interested persons are present the prayer is offered each Sunday at the 8:30 o'clock Celebration of the Holy Communion. If the greater number of persons prefer that the prayer be said at the later Service we shall quite willingly make the change.

A Letter from the President of the Board of Trustees, The Episcopal Hospital:

June 11, 1956

Mr. Robert M. Smith
79 Barker Avenue
Sharon Hill, Pa.

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of the Board of Managers we would like to express our deepest appreciation for the contribution of \$150.00 from your parish for the Thanksgiving Offering of 1955.

Your interest and good will in supporting the Thanksgiving Offering means a great deal to the Hospital and its work, and we would appreciate it if you would let our thanks be known as widely as possible, especially to those who participated in the Thanksgiving Offering.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Wilmsen, President

ANNOUNCING ! FRONTIERS OF FAITH

NBC-TV Network - Sundays 4:00 to 4:30 P.M. EDT

Half-hour discussion program dealing with topics of general interest such as "You Can't Beat City Hall", "Christianity and Foreign Policy", and "Christ Died for Our Sins." The host during June and July is the Rev. Dana F. Kennedy, Executive Secretary of the Division of Radio and Television, National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Produced by NBC-TV and the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of the Churches of Christ.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Quarter-hour dramatic or narrative presentation of the Church's evangelistic, missionary, educational, and social activities; will be broadcast during the weeks of July 23, July 30, September 3, September 10 and September 17 over approximately 300 local radio stations throughout the country. Produced by the Division of Radio and Television of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in cooperation with the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

CHURCH OF THE AIR

CBS Radio Network. Sunday, July 8, 9:30 to 10:00 A.M., EDT. Complete information not yet available, However, the sermon will be delivered by an Episcopal clergyman and the music will be provided by an Episcopal Choir.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
DECEMBER 1956
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

One of my friends, the Rector of a Philadelphia Church, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the Sacred Ministry during the past year. He felt that he should render an accounting of his service to the Bishop of the Diocese. Accordingly he wrote to the Bishop making note of his various activities during his quarter-century as a Clergyman.

Fifteen years ago on the first day of October, I became Rector of St. James Church. I am eager to make a partial report to you accordingly, here are some of the data our records reveal:

Baptisms - 970
Persons presented for Confirmation - 654
Marriages solemnized - 250
Burial Office read - 985

(some of these services were conducted by other Clergymen supplying for the Rector during his holiday).

Another interesting item is the increase in the value of our total endowments:
(Sparks Building, Parish and Cemetery.)

1941 - approximately - \$50,000.00
1956 - " - \$120,000.00

We cite these figures simply as an indication of the activity of our parish Church. Actually much of what happens in and about a Church one can not present in statistics. A great part of a Clergyman's work has to do with intangible things. He visits the sick and trusts that God has used him through his prayers and conversation to comfort and inspire the afflicted. He counsels parishioners in many kinds of difficulties. He proclaims the Word of God, praying that his message may have been the means of helping someone to deeper faith and greater insight. He conducts Divine Worship with the intention and hope of enabling his people to feel and know that in a very special way they have been in the Presence of God, and that they have offered God earnest and consecrated devotion. We Clergy usually cannot see or estimate the results that we obtain by our labors. We can only endeavor to do our utmost to the Glory of God and the strengthening of His Church. When there are visible results for our efforts we are encouraged, and one can always continue his task with zeal and energy if only he has encouragement.

In a sense I am making a brief report to you. I trust that you share my pleasure as together we realize that we have had an active parish, and that some things have been accomplished. I also wish to thank all of you who have given me such loyal and devoted cooperation during these fifteen years. It is because of your cooperation that I have always considered it a pleasure and privilege to be the Pastor and Spiritual Leader of this Congregation.

With every good wish for a Blessed Christmas, I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

The Calendar for the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Seasons is as follows:

Sunday, December 9th - 7:45 P.M.	Healing Service - The Rev'd. Dr. Alfred W. Price, Rector of St. Stephen's Church. All are welcome.
Sunday, December 16th - 7:45 P.M.	"Lucia Fest" a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann. Following the Service in the Church. Coffee and Coffee cake will be served in the Parish House. (If you want a seat, come early).
Sunday, December 23rd - 9:40 A.M.	Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School. Presentation of the children's Christmas Offering.
7:45 P.M.	The annual Service "Carols by Candlelight."
Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day	
7:00 A.M.	Holy Communion
9:30 A.M.	Holy Communion (Choral) and Sermon
Thursday, December 27th	
2:00 P.M.	Christmas Party for the Sunday School Nursery through Third Grade
7:30 P.M.	Christmas Party Fourth Grade and Upper School
Tuesday, January 1st (New Year's Day)	
8:30 A.M.	Holy Communion
Sunday, January 13th	
8:00 P.M.	Epiphany Candlelight Service. This is a dramatic and colorful presentation of the visit of the MAGI to the Manger at Bethlehem.

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An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas Offering.
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BAPTISMS: Richard Edgar Wetzel, Jr., Gloria Ann Heiden, Gail Marie Heiden, Axel William Carlberg, David James Wilson, Gary Stephen Morgan, Shirley Ann Roney, Thomas Henry Buck IV, Edward Kenneth Wiedman, Jr., Robert Steven Dezmelyk, Kenneth George Watts, Jr., Keith Harry Huhn, Charlotte Anna Sayers, William Joseph Foley, Jr., Kevin Richard McClintock, Virginia Esther Kephart, David Richard Evans, Robert Edward Jones, Robert Stanley Bogstad, Kathleen Ann Stein, Maureen Joan Peck, Mark Francis Cerbo, Edward Brian Barnabei, Pamela June Barrington, John Richard Schultz, Robert James Spence, Jr.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Hortense Owens Whilden from St. Matthew's Church, National City, California.

"We have fellowship one with another".

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Stanley B. Hamilton to St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, Delaware; Mrs. Elsie Mae Winslow Hansen and Mrs. Ella Mae Rundle Winslow to Holy Comforter, Aronimink, Drexel Hill, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Leon Edward Gale and Margaret Mae Robinson; Gregory Sarmousakis and Mary Ann Edwards Scargle; Robert Bell Hance III and Anne Rebecca Wilkinson; Lawrence George Edward Sucher and Leon Johnson Simpler; Daniel R. Apostolu and Jeannette A. Tustin.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: William Latell Cobb, Herman A. Cloud, Charles R. Myers, Sr., Harriet Harding, Walter H. Jamison, Archibald Laverty, Anna M. Rossman, Charles S. Robinson, Anna Louise McConnell, Charles O. Thompson, James Albert Lucy, Sr., George Patrick, James J. Weekly, Elmer J. Waldow, Sr., Anna M. Grover, Eva Rundle, David Moore, Alexander Orr, Myrtle M. Shaw, Edward Walter Andres, Arnold A. Heaton.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place in the paradise of God."

This Christmas Letter is posted early so that it will not be lost in the Season's heavy mailing. Since pre-cancelled mail is third class material Postmasters are permitted to deliver it when convenient. On some occasions our letters have been held until after Christmas, hence our eagerness to get ahead of the Christmas rush.

Confirmation

The Rt. Rev'd. J. Gillespie Armstrong will visit St. James on Sunday February 10, 1957 at 11 A.M. for the Service of Confirmation. All members of the Parish are urged to be present, and to renew their Confirmation vows.

A Granddaughter for the Gilberts

Mary Milne Gilbert was born to Bryson and Enid Fischer Gilbert, on October 26th at St. David's (Episcopal) Hospital in Austin, Texas. The name is a combination of the paternal grandmother's first name, and the maternal grandmother's family name.

Mr. Conklin, Seminarian - Assistant

Mr. Ronald Conklin, a Middler at the Divinity School is serving as an assistant to the Rector. Mr. Conklin is teaching the Adult group at the 9:40 o'clock Family Worship Service. He is also visiting the homes of parishioners, especially where there are children in the Sunday School.

Speaking of the Family Worship Service: we are eager to have the parents of Sunday School pupils to participate in this worship and instruction. A brief service is held each Sunday in the Church. The members of the Sunday School then go to their respective classes and the parents remain in the Church for a session with Mr. Conklin. We should add that the number of parents attending is steadily increasing. Over fifty persons have been attending on recent Sundays.

Church Work Among the Blind

Mrs. Henry J. Gideon has assumed the position of Director of Church Work among the Blind for the City Mission. Her work will take her into institutions and private homes to visit and offer assistance to these afflicted people. Mrs. Gideon is asking for volunteers to help in this work. Many unsighted persons need an interested friend to write letters, read the news, accompany them to the stores, enable them to get to a Clinic or Physician's office, et cetera. If you are willing to give part of a day each week, or so, let Miss Jenks or the Rector know. Inscribe your name, address and telephone number on a paper and mail it to the Church. We shall see that Mrs. Gideon receives your name.

Telephone the Rector

When you have occasion to plan a Wedding, the hour for a funeral, a Baptism or any other affair requiring the presence of a Clergyman please consult the Rector before setting the exact time. Frequently people will telephone the Rectory to inform the minister that they have arranged for a certain affair at a certain time. It often happens that the Rector already has an appointment for that hour. It only requires a telephone call to clear the matter before definite arrangements are made.

Organizations and Former Members

We would propose that all organizations check their lists for former members. A visit may be the means of re-interesting some. Others may have become infirm and would appreciate being remembered by their friends.

Wedding Invitations

We note that Brides-to-be frequently make a wrong statement on their Wedding invitations. The correct name for this Church is "St. James Church of Kingsessing." The proper address is 6838 Woodland Avenue.

Our Parish Family

Our last mailing from St. James revealed this location of our families: New Jersey 13, Delaware 7; Other States 3; - in Pennsylvania - Darby 34; Yeadon 25; Collingdale 11; Springfield 15; Sharon Hill 13; Colwyn 5; Upper Darby 8; Ridley Park 5; Folcroft 8; Drexel Hill 6; Holmes 6; Glenolden 8; other communities 34; Philadelphia - various sections - 124 and in our own immediate postal zone - 601. This total of 926 envelopes represents a letter to each Confirmed person excepting in the case of husband and wife who receive just one copy.

Stewardship

NO WONDER THE LORD talked about possessions, for they reveal the state of a man's soul as nothing else can. It is good to remember, since Christianity is concerned with the deepest things of the heart, that the rich can be generous and a poor man selfish and full of illusions. We must all in our own way die to the world, to the inordinate love of possessions, and hold our time, talents, and possessions as grateful and responsible stewards.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MONEY is revealed in that it is an abstraction, a piece of paper, that represents our work, our talents, our time, our break; and when we give it or withhold it, we are giving or withholding ourselves.

The Rt. Rev. Richard Emrich, S.T.D.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1957
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

One way of evaluating individuals is to consider what they contribute to life over and above what the law and their citizen-obligations require of them. There are people who do only what they have to do: earn a living, provide for their family, pay their taxes. Of course, there are some who fail to do this much.

We as Christians would consider ourselves failures if we did not contribute to the sum total of human activities something over and above what the law and the minimum standards of society required. We may not be in a position to make any great contribution of wealth or talent or time. But we are able as Church people to add something to the welfare of our race. We have the privilege and opportunity of helping to support our parish Church. We help the various Church agencies and Charities. We add our portion to the missionary program of the national Church. We assume some responsibility for parish organizations. And we do participate in the Services of Divine Worship, and offer to God the praise and gratitude that is owing to Him.

It seems to me that all of this should be a source of satisfaction to us. We fall far short of what we could and should do. But, by the Grace of God, we have been saved from living self-centered lives. We have done something more than what society demands of us. We have endeavored in some little way to pay part of our debt to the Giver of Life.

I trust that this Easter Season will bring you renewed hope, deepened faith, and greater joy in believing.

Sincerely your friend and pastor

James C. Gilbert.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th Street and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, April 22, 1957 at 8:00 P.M.

"The Members of the Corporation, who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before the meeting of the Corporation, shall be all Lay, Baptized, and Confirmed persons of the age of Twenty-one years or upwards, who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual Place of Public Worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the Corporation during each of two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: Mr. Roy Cobb, Mr. William J. Conner, Mr. Robert M. Smith. Mr. Cobb and Mr. Smith have expressed the desire not to have their names submitted for re-election. A Nominating Committee has been appointed by the Rector to consider and submit the names of eligible men who are willing to serve.

BAZAAR and SUPPER

The boys and girls of the Sunday School will have their annual Bazaar and Supper on Thursday, May 9th. Your contributions and patronage will be appreciated. Part of the proceeds will be placed in the Benevolence and Missionary Account. Some of the monies are placed in a Special Fund for various Sunday School projects.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 14th
8:30 A.M. Holy Communion
9:40 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon
(Distribution of Palms at each Service)
Maundy Thursday
8:00 P.M. The Holy Communion
Good Friday
11:45 A.M. Children's Service
12:15 - 1:45 P.M. Meditations on the Passion
1:45 - 3:00 P.M. "The Seven Last Words" - Dubois
Easter Even (Saturday)
4:00 P.M. Holy Baptism

EASTER DAY

6:30 A.M. Holy Communion
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion (Choral)
9:40 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School. (Presentation of the Mite Boxes)
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon
(Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day)

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BAPTISMS: Mary Ellen Whitman Reed, Carl Conrad Stollte, Mabel Mae Muir Jones, John Thomas Bannon, Jr., Carolyn Elizabeth Garratt, Donald Gross Rossman, Elizabeth Peterson, Louis John Schmehl, Jr., James Scott MacNeil, Gail Lyn Mowbray, Diane Elizabeth Corbin, Sharon Mae Corbin, Jeannette Lynn Filson, Guy Richard Hendry, Edna Katherine Dunlevy, John Robert Schmehl, Mark James Small, Donald Joseph Shaffer, Sharon Lynne Parker, Joseph Robert Barnes, Anna Ruth Thorpe, James Curtis Fulk, William Henry Emel, Mary Milne Gilbert, Gordon Lock, Andrea Elizabeth Kwartnik, Theresa Marie Crain, Charles Thomas Smith, Linda Mae Humphreys, Dawn Marie Sawyer, Douglas Scott MacLean, Margaret Mary Kurtz, Danny John Ulrich, Deborah Lynn Smith, Mark Steven Fanning.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Carolyn Jane Asher, Edythe Gertrude Hancock Callo, Alfonso John Carrero, Ruth Wenger Cody, William Cody, Richard Buchanan III, Robert William Desabaye, John Joseph Eckhoff, William Henry Emel, Laura Gladys Estell, Josephine Fisher, Edward W. Flowers, Roland John Flowers, Mary Lucille Fulk, Carolyn Elizabeth Garratt, William Joseph Harbinson, David Edward Hosbach, Dorothy Frances Jones, Robert Thomas King.

Ethel Mae Worrell Lambillotte, William Stinson Lewis, Judith Mae McClure, Thomas James McConnell, James Whiteford McMenamin, Margaret Creelman Morrissey, Thomas Edward Morrissey, Howard Grain Mount, David Walton Paulson, Jr., Elizabeth Peterson, Mary Ellen Whitman Reed, Joanne Rothermel, Violet Leona Salvatore, Helene Louise Smiley, Alma Grace Snyder, Sophie M. Pilny Snyder, Carl Conrad Stollte, Edith Alberts Worrell Stollte, Ronald Alfred Strawley, Lawrence George Sucher, Albert Eugene Swan, Anna Ruth Thorpe, Barbara Jane Watts, Geraldine Mae Watts.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Florence MacNamee from St. Luke's Chapel, Chester, Penna.; Mrs. Edith Rachel Sparkman from the Church of the Epiphany, 57th and Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia; George Burns and Mrs. Minnie Miller Burns from St. Luke's Church, Fort Myers, Florida.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Mrs. Mary J. Ryan to Church of the Atonement, Morton, Pa.; Walter E. Stinger, Sr. and Mrs. Charlotte Morse Stinger and Walter E. Stinger, Jr. to St. Martin's Church, Radnor, Penna.; Mrs. Charles A. VanDyke to St. Stephen's, Clifton Heights, Pa.; Horace Doggett and Mrs. Marcia Carson Doggett to Church of the Atonement, Morton, Pa.; James Frank Brockson and Mrs. Vivian Agnes Healy Brockson to Trinity Church, Collingdale, Pa.; Mrs. Grace Melwig Bottoms to St. John's Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.; Mrs. Hortense Owens Wilden to Old Donation Church, Bayside, Virginia; J. Bennett Bradt to St. John's Church, Lansdowne, Pa.; Clara M. Rhine to St. Luke's Church, Long Beach, California; Lenore Kathryn Bugey to All Saints Church, Darby, Pa.; Mrs. Alice Murray Espenlaub to St. Michael's Church, Yeadon, Pa.; Louise Harrington to Trinity Church, Kearny, New Jersey; Renee June Orrell to House of Prayer, Germantown, Pa.

MARRIAGES: William Bassett Newman and Nancy Lois Carson; Stephen Milo McFee and Hilda Irene Ellis; Allen Reid Stoner and Doris Mary Catherine Smith.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: John Hager, Charles H. Ward, James T. Rementer, William Norcross, Leona Smith, Mary A. Cleffer, Mary A. McKernan Corrison, John O. Samuelson, John A. Thompson, Minnie Madeira, John Bower, Joseph C. Fletcher, Sr., Amelia A. Wallace, Walter John Burnett, Walter F. Paulson, Sr., Gertrude M. Elston, Emma M. Morrell, Herbert A. Hilgrove, Edward Tidman, Evaline McIntire, Edward Wilson, David Smiley.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place in the
paradise of God."

EASTER OFFERING

The enclosed envelope is for your special Easter Offering. "Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou has little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thyself a good reward in the day of necessity." Tobit IV 8, 9.

Lieutenant John E. Foley, U.S.N.

On December 28th of last year came the shocking news of the death of John Foley in an airplane accident over Long Island Sound. John was the son of Mrs. Pearl Foley, 5534 Linmore Avenue. He had graduated at Girard College in 1944. After an enlistment in the Navy he entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis and completed his course there in 1953. Lieutenant Foley had married only last September.

A memorial service was held in the Chapel of the Atlantic City Naval Air Station on Wednesday January 23rd.

A CENTURY FOR FOUR CLERGYMEN

On May 1, 1857 the Rev'd. Charles A. Maison became Rector of St. James Church. He continued until 1895 when the Rev'd. Simeon Lord Gilberson became Rector. Following Mr. Gilberson (1895-1930) was the Rev'd. William Roberts who died in 1941. Since the present Rector succeeded Mr. Roberts it is noteworthy that four clergymen have served St. James Church for 100 years.

As we are looking back a century here are a few paragraphs written by Dr. Maison on March 18, 1870.

"On the 1st of May A.D. 1857 the Rev. Charles A. Maison, having received and accepted a unanimous call, became Rector of the parish. During this rectorship, the two pieces of ground ... were purchased and added to the Churchyard. In 1859 a Sunday School Building, resembling the Church in style and material, was erected near the South West corner of the Churchyard. In 1865 a large building of stone was erected at the corner of 68th Street and Darby Road for a Day-School or Schools. The building, when completed and fully furnished was presented to the Vestry by Thomas Sparks Esq. as a memorial to his son, who died in infancy in 1864.

The Stone Wall along the front line of the Churchyard was continued to 68th Street (about 220 feet) by the liberality of Mrs. Donaldson and Mrs. Flickwir.

The Chancel of the Church has lately been improved by the introduction of solid oak and chestnut furniture, and a large Stone font was presented to the Church in 1865 by some young parishioners, as a memorial to a beloved Son of the Rector.

As a result of services held at Cardington for several years past by the Rector of this parish, a new parish was organized in 1869, by the names of St. George's Church, Philadelphia. Several lots at the corner of 61st Street and Hazel Avenue have been presented to the new parish by H. S. Henry Esq. and a Church will probably be built there this year."

DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN

All members of St. James should have received mail concerning the campaign for funds sponsored jointly by the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the Divinity School. The objective of the Campaign is \$1,255,000. The Diocesan share \$750,000 will be used to purchase sites for new Churches, and to assist in the erection of Churches. The Seminary will use the money to erect an addition to the library, and to endow a professorship in Biblical Studies. St. James has been assigned \$12,500 as its share in this campaign. At the time of this writing (March 27th) 179 pledges have been received for a total of \$8,839. Many persons have not yet returned their pledge card. Such persons may mail their card to the Church or give it to an usher at any Service. Cards are available on the literature cabinet.

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The diocesan Convention will be held on May 6th and 7th at Holy Trinity Church. On Monday evening there will be the usual Diocesan Mass Meeting and the speaker will be the Archbishop of Canterbury whose topic will be "The Anglican Communion". At 7:40 P.M. the doors will be open to the public.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
SUMMER 1957
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

When I was the assistant at St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh, I heard the Rector, Dr. Groton, say that he had never advertised in the public press et cetera, the Services or affairs of that parish. Of course, there was a parish leaflet, circulated monthly, announcing to the members the regular and special meetings, and Services of Divine Worship. There are clergymen, on the other hand, who are constantly apprising their parishioners and the community of what is happening at "St. Beulah's on the Boulevard." Such clergy insist on advertising, "It pay to advertise." Their parishioners are used to receiving frequent notices of the Men's Club program, or of the special service to be held on "Grandmother's Day" and so on. In such churches the bulletin board always announces the Sermon with what is supposed to be a snappy title. The Clergy who resort to this sort of method and program frequently have well-attended Churches, and comfortable budgets.

Which do you feel is the way that you would direct the work of the Church? Of course, we clergy are eager to see our Churches filled with earnest, devoted worshippers. And we certainly enjoy the euphoric sense of knowing that there are monies enough to take care of current expenses and benevolences. Personally, I do not fault the clergy who use rather unconventional, and possibly theatrical, methods for attracting people to their Churches. I do think that it is a sad commentary on my fellow citizens that the Church has to use that kind of tactic to impel people to participate in her worship and activities. If there be anything wrong in the spectacular methods of advertising, the blame is almost entirely upon the laity who make such methods necessary.

Well, here in St. James we are rather conservative in our methods. We think that the usual Services of the Church, conducted with a modicum of ceremony and always, we hope, with solemnity and sincerity will attract people who value the lovely, inspiring, and comforting ways of our tradition. What do you think?

I do trust that you will have a refreshing, restful Summer. Furthermore, I hope that you will be able to worship in other Parish Churches and share the joy and peace that come to those who ever seek the Lord's Presence.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

CHAPIN HOME GUESTS

Guests of the Chapin Home are permitted to walk along Woodland Avenue between 61st and 71st Streets. You can help them, our unsighted neighbors, by assisting them in crossing the streets.

NURSERY CLASS

Parents of young children are reminded that a Nursery Class is conducted each Sunday at 11 o'clock in the Sparks Memorial Building. This program is arranged so that the parents may leave their children under proper supervision while they attend the eleven o'clock Service.

(Women and older girls who are willing to assist in this Nursery Class will kindly give their name and address to Miss Jenks, noting what Sunday each month they are able to serve.)

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BAPTISMS: Cheryle Ann Kathryn Butkus, Thomas Craig Estes, Susan Jane Hemphill, Marilyn Grace Chester, Charles Lawrence Porter, Jr., Stephen James Perry, William Wendall Walker, Walter Jackson Robertson, Jr., David Gary Rost, Diane Carol Hickey, Jeanne Adair Wise.

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TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Charles J. Turner to All Saints Church, Montgomery Alabama.

MARRIAGES: Oliver Burton Clark and Bertha Jeannine Scargle; Thomas Frederick Allen and Nancy Elizabeth Needham.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Catherine Pegnotti, David H. Gorman, Lillie Kinnermand, Nan Minego, Jesse H. Hartman, Amos R. Peacock, Catherine T. White, Charles Louis Lare, Helen M. Haenn, John Harry Durr.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place in the paradise of God."

A MEMORIAL CHALICE

On Sunday May 19th the Rector dedicated a new memorial chalice. The Chalice bears these inscriptions:

"St. James Church of Kingessing, Philadelphia, Penna.

In grateful memory

These members of St. James Church met their death in airplanes while serving with the Armed Forces:

Airman 1/c William C. Colgan, U.S.A.F.

1928 - 1952

Lieutenant John C. Foley, U.S.N.

1927 - 1956

These symbols are engraved on the base:

An Eagle: a symbol of St. John who soars above this world and points to Jesus as God, upon the Throne of Heaven. Frequently the Eagle with outstretched wings is used in Lecterns to remind us that Jesus said His Gospel should be preached in all the world. (St. Matthew 24:14)

A Dove: symbol of the Holy Ghost. (In the Early Church a dove-shaped vessel was commonly used for serving the consecrated Bread and Wine of the Eucharist). In secular affairs the Dove is also used as the emblem of Peace.

LINDA ANNE JULIAN

The Rector and Mrs. Gilbert announce with great joy the arrival of Linda Anne Julian on May 5th in Charlotte, North Carolina. The new grandchild is the daughter of William and Charis Gilbert Julian. Many will remember the marriage of Bill and Charis in St. James Church on July 6, 1953.

MITE BOX OFFERING

The Boys and Girls of the Sunday School cleared \$747.00 on the occasion of their Bazaar and Supper. A hearty "Thank you" to all who by their efforts or patronage assisted them in this enterprise. The Mite Box Offering was presented at the Episcopal Academy on May 26th: \$700.00.

THE REV'D GEORGE WILLIAM TRUITT

On Saturday June first Mr. George William Truitt was ordained Deacon in the Church at St. Paul-by-the-Sea, Ocean City, Maryland. Many members of St. James were present for the Service. Bill had been a member of St. James Choir. He is a graduate of the Salisbury State Teachers College. Following his ordination the Rev'd. and Mrs. Truitt returned to Gambier, Ohio for his graduation from Bexley Hall Divinity School. He will be the assistant at St. Peter's Church, Salisbury, Maryland.

THE NEW SWEDEN SOCIETY

The New Sweden Society is an organization of children which, under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann, maintains an interest in the lore and customs of the early settlers of the Delaware Valley. Membership is limited to twenty-five. Meetings are held on alternate Saturdays at 2:30 o'clock. The boys and girls have presented several programs in the Sparks Building. They also participate in the annual Lucia Fest held during December.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH FLAG

The flag of the Episcopal Church hangs from the gallery of St. James. The following explains the symbolism:

"A red cross on a white field is the cross of Saint George and indicates our descent from the Church of England.

The Saint Andrew's Cross in outline in the canton recalls our indebtedness to the Scottish Church in connection with the consecration of our first Bishop, Bishop Seabury, at Aberdeen in 1784.

The nine crosslets symbolize the original American Diocesan, which met in Philadelphia and in 1789 adopted the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

The colors, red, white, and blue represent our country and stand for the American Branch of the Anglican Communion."

BOOKS FOR THE SEMINARY CHAPEL

At a recent Service in St. Andrew's Chapel Mr. Conklin presented the Dean of the Divinity School with 50 copies of the Book of Common Prayer and 50 copies of the Hymnal. These books were provided by friends and members of the Adult Class upon Mr. Conklin's informing them of the need of such for the Chapel Services.

PRE-MARITAL PROMISES

The following item appeared recently in Dr. Kevin's column in the Philadelphia "Inquirer." "Superior Court Judge Charles H. House, of Bridgeport, Conn., last week ruled that pre-marital agreements by which non-Catholics promise to raise children as Catholics cannot be legally enforced in Connecticut."

This same matter was adjudicated in a Canadian court some few years ago. That court, arriving at the same conclusion, stated that it is the privilege of parents to determine the religious training of their children after the birth of the children. We consider the arbitrary and intolerant spirit of the Roman Church in this business of demanding complete acquiescence on the part of the non-Roman Catholic party in a marriage to be a tyrannous abomination.

DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN

During the Spring we conducted a canvass to raise \$12,500.00 for the Diocesan and Seminary Campaign. At this writing we have pledges in the amount of \$10,842.00. 236 persons or families have responded to date for an average of \$ 45.50 each. We are asking all who have not done so to send in their pledge or contribution as soon as possible. We are very eager to reach our goal, and to be able to inform Bishop Hart of our success.

Any who desire to make a pledge may use this form:

DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN FOR CAPITAL FUNDS
Diocese of Pennsylvania

Considering the gifts of others, realizing the many blessings we have received, and desiring to help in the expansion of the Kingdom of God in our Diocese, we shall assist in the following manner.

\$ _____ per week
for 80 weeks
commencing _____
FOR A TOTAL OF
\$ _____

or as follows: \$ _____ per month for 20 months

SIGNED: _____
ADDRESS: _____
DATE: _____

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
DECEMBER 1957
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

I find it a matter of great concern that some members of the Episcopal Church take so lightly their duty to and loyalty toward the Church. For example, the many parents who bring their children to the Church for Holy Baptism, having asked friends or relatives to serve as God-parents. These God-parents, in the name of the child, make certain solemn vows among which are that the child, when properly instructed, will "be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him." What happens all too frequently? The parents, instead of bringing the child to the Episcopal Sunday School for instruction and worship, will send him to the nearest denominational Sunday School, and proceed to forget about the baptismal obligations. Parents who consider so lightly the position and teachings of the Episcopal Church should really not have their children baptized according to the ritual of this Church. Otherwise they embarrass the sponsors, and certainly indicate their own lack of genuine intention.

There are also those persons who move from a parish to another neighborhood and fail to seek the Episcopal Church. A friend invites them to his Church "just a square or two away," and there they go. It is not that we in the Episcopal Church are intolerant toward other denominations. Every man has the privilege of worshipping according to his own convictions and needs. But for a Christian, trained in the worship of the Episcopal Church, the denominational bodies offer far from adequate services of the Divine Worship. I attend such Services on occasions. I participate with the intention of receiving what comfort and instruction and inspiration are available. But, very frankly, the average Service in the Evangelical Churches, to me, is only a pious program and, to some extent, religious entertainment, with the Preacher high-lighting the affair.

No Service of Divine Worship is ever entirely adequate. We always fall short of offering God the praise, and commitment, and adoration that we owe Him. But I think that the Services of this Anglican Church are the nearest expression of adequate worship in Christendom. The substance of our rituals and liturgies covers every needed act of devotion: confession, praise, affirmation, intercession, supplication, thanksgiving, adoration, instruction, and so on. What a barren experience by contrast the Divine Worship in many Churches!

When the Sabbath comes it is our solemn duty to worship God in His Church. For an Episcopalian his primary duty is to participate in the Spiritual worship offered in an Episcopal Church. If he desires, for one reason or another, to attend another type of Service elsewhere, later in the day, the Church does not forbid him to do so. It does remind him that such attendance and participation are not adequate expression of Divine Worship as this Church, with her historic patterns and traditions, has received and practiced, the same. He is still under obligation to offer God the best act of worship that he can. He cannot quiet his conscience by endeavoring to justify his attendance at a Service that does not fulfill the requirements of Worship as he has learned and known them. May all of us, therefore, take thought about these matters, and renew our loyalty to the Church wherein we have been so well nurtured.

I trust that this Advent Season will bring you increased "joy in believing," and that you and your loved ones may, under God, have a blessed Christmas.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

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BAPTISMS: Robert Jacob Alek, William Anton Erdmann, Daniel George Wagner, Linda Lee Wolfert, Linda Ann Julian, David Paul Bubenchik, John George Tripler, Jr., Kathryn Elizabeth Dowling, Clifford Lee Canavin, Bruce Wayne Chestnut, Janis Claire Delany, Ernest John Walter, Jr., Joan Dorothea Hauser, Dolores Theresa Hanson, Debra Ann Hanson, Gordon Lock, Jr., Michael Lemoine Kelley.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Robert Piccione from Church of St. John the Evangelist, 3rd and Reed Streets, Philadelphia; Mrs. Dorothy H. Adams, Mrs. G. Dorothy Fleming from Church of the Atonement, 47th and Kingessing Avenue, Philadelphia.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Mrs. Alberta Plummer Raimondo to All Souls Church, San Diego, California; Mrs. Margaret Wasson Schaffer to St. Peter's Church, Jacksonville, Florida; William F. and Nancy Barbara Singer to St. Stephen's, Clifton Heights, Penna.; Mrs. Arbutus Ruth White to Church of the Resurrection, Philadelphia, Pa.; David Francis Burgess and David Joseph Burgess to St. Mary's Church, Clementon, New Jersey.

MARRIAGES: Herbert Hugh Henry and Ellen Marie Quick; Walter Thomas Morgan and Carole Loretta Wiedman; Victor Frank deFuria and Violet Leona Salvatore; Thomas Hammer Hansen, Jr. and Lydia Dolores Scott; Carl James Rechner and Margaret Anna Riday; John Charles Berkeyheiser, Jr. and Shirley Marie McClenaghan; Walter William Pearl and Margaret Sarah Reed; Charles Raymond Wharton and Mary Elizabeth Berry.

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BURIALS: Elizabeth Jane Quinn, George W. Parker, Gertrude M. Zearfuss, Andrew D. Leighton, Mary E. Murray, Benjamin H. Malin, Walter B. Pyle, George Laurie, Theodore Craddock, James K. Hillman, Laura M. Winchester, Edith W. Dodd, John P. Wilkinson, Mary Irma Horvath, Louis Geiger, Joseph Thomas Reddy, Clayton A. Howard, Emma E. Palmer, Clarence L. Clayville, Ruth Stewart Thompson, Park M. Dunlevy, Jr., John U. D. Pleasants, William J. McLeod, Thomas Cooper, William H. VanFosson, William G. Rowan, Thomas Moran, Mary Schnare.

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CONFIRMATION

The Rt. Rev'd. Oliver J. Hart, S.T.D., will visit St. James Church on Sunday, March 2, 1958 for the Service of Confirmation.

Any persons desiring to be in the Confirmation Class will please communicate with either Miss Jenks, Mr. Conklin or the Rector. Although the instruction classes were organized in October there is still time for preparation.

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The Calendar for the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Seasons is as follows:

Sunday, December 15th	- 7:45 P.M.	"Lucia Fest" a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann. Address by William White, Jr., Esq., Chancellor of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Following the Service in the Church, Coffee and Coffee Cake will be served in the Parish House.
Sunday, December 22nd	- 9:40 A.M.	Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School.
	7:45 P.M.	Presentation of the children's Christmas Offering. The annual Service "Carols by Candlelight."
Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day		
	7:00 A.M.	Holy Communion
	9:30 A.M.	Holy Communion (Choral) and Sermon
Friday, December 27th		
	2:00 P.M.	Christmas Party for the Sunday School Nursery through Third Grade
	7:30 P.M.	Christmas Party Fourth Grade and Upper School
Wednesday, January 1st, (New Year's Day)		
	8:30 A.M.	Holy Communion
Sunday, January 12th	8:00 P.M.	Epiphany Candlelight Service. This is a dramatic and colorful presentation of the visit of the Magi to the Manger at Bethlehem.

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas Offering.

"Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou has little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little; for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity." Tobit IV:8,9.

The Y.P.F.

A Young People's Fellowship meets each Sunday at 7:00 P.M. in the Sparks Memorial Building. The Sponsor is Miss Kay VanFosson. Mrs. Samuel Murray and Mrs. William VanFosson are assisting. All young persons are welcome to attend. We urge parents to encourage their teen-agers to participate in the fellowship activities. There is a program of Worship, Study, Service and Fellowship. Recently the group has sponsored several socials and dances.

THE DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN

During the Spring under the leadership of Mr. Gordon W. Gabell we conducted a canvass among the members of St. James to raise \$12,500.00 for the Diocese and the Divinity School. To date \$11,523.50 has been pledged. Of this amount \$5,539.40 has been received in cash offerings.

SMITH MEMORIAL

On Sunday October 27th the Rector dedicated a Chancel Chair given by Mr. Robert M. Smith, Superintendent of the Sunday School and for many years Secretary of the Vestry. The memorial plate reads:

"To the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Mary E. and William M. Smith
1864-1948 1846-1917"

Mrs. Smith had enrolled as a member of the Sunday School on October 11, 1912 and had 31 years of perfect attendance. She regularly attended the Services of the Church until failing health prevented.

A crown has been carved on the back of the chair symbolizing the Kingdom of Sweden. The seal of the Diocese of Pennsylvania has three such crowns representing the Swedish Churches, one of which is St. James' Kingsessing.

THE DIVINITY SCHOOL

The Divinity School is re-decorating and furnishing the old refectory so that the students may have a place to talk with their visitors. Until this time there has been no place where a student could entertain for an hour or two those guests who may have come a great distance to see him. The Sunday School and the Vestry have each contributed fifty dollars from their benevolence accounts for this purpose.

THE DUPLEX ENVELOPES

The Vestry's Finance Committee meet weekly to count and deposit all monies received. One of the biggest tasks is that of opening and recording the sums enclosed in the duplex envelopes. These envelopes have a black-imprinted side, and a red-imprinted side. A perforation is between the two sides so that the monies for the parish can readily be separated from the missionary and benevolent fund. Unfortunately, some contributors will open the envelope into one compartment and insert paper money. When the vestrymen separate the envelope along the perforation they tear the bills so inserted. Please remember to use the separate red and black sections of the envelopes. Do not open the middle sealed partition where the perforation is. Then there will be no need of patching bills with scotch tape.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN

During the early Fall the Vestry voted to send a gift of \$25.00 to The Japan International Christian University. A letter of thanks from the Administrative Secretary included this statement from the President of the National Council of Churches, The Rev'd. Eugene Carson Blake:

"The International Christian University in Japan, just outside of Tokyo, is in a position to make a contribution to the life and thought of Japan as is no other American related university. The Japanese people have within them qualities and have in their country an economy which is bound to make their nation a leading one in Asia. Any gift to the International Christian University in Japan is a gift to the future peace and prosperity of the whole of Asia."

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1958
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

It is interesting the way that habits of Church attendance have changed during the past twenty-five years. Back in the early 1930's the late Sunday morning Service of Divine Worship was the popular hour in the Episcopal Church. The Holy Communion was celebrated at an early hour, and a small proportion of the Congregation were present. In the middle of the morning the Sunday School had its session and then followed the Service of Morning Prayer, the Litany or, on the first and third Sundays, the Holy Communion. Evening Services were not well attended, and gradually were discontinued.

What is the schedule today in representative parishes? The Holy Communion is celebrated at an early hour with a constantly increasing number of worshippers. Here at St. James we have hymns and a kind of "Sermon-in-a-nutshell." More and more, parishioners seem to enjoy this Service. At 9:40 o'clock we have a Family Service. The Sunday School members from the fourth grade through the adult classes participate in a Service of Divine Worship (Morning Prayer or the Holy Communion). Many parents and other adults choose to come to this Service, and to remain for the instruction period conducted by Mr. Conklin, a Seminarian. Then follows the traditional eleven o'clock Service.

This is all an interesting schedule for Sunday morning, and we find when we total our attendances our numbers are increasing somewhat, even though a large number of our parishioners have moved to distant suburbs. But! and this is a new phenomenon, - we find that we are having three different congregations! Congregations who do not know one another. Previously nearly everyone came to the later Service and they became acquaintances and friends. Today the picture is quite altered. The early communicants never see the eleven o'clock congregation, and the latter do not know the nine-forty worshippers! So, we have a suggestion to offer. Why not vary your habit some Sunday, perhaps once a month, - change your hour? Attend a Service other than your accustomed one, get to identify and know other members of your parish. (Of course, one need not limit his attendance to one service).

We like to feel that we are one family at St. James, truly members one of another. If that sense of fellowship is to be a reality among us we must know one another, and find certain pleasure in our relationship. If we fail in this we are missing one of the great satisfactions that obtain in being members of a parish church. And we think this is very important for people who live in large urban areas.

Again it is my privilege to extend greetings during this Holy Season, and to trust that Easter with its glorious message and reassurance will bring new "joy in believing" and peace into your lives.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 30th
8:30 A.M. Holy Communion
9:40 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon
(Distribution of Palms at each Service)
Maundy Thursday
8:00 P.M. The Holy Communion
Good Friday
11:45 A.M. Children's Service
12:15 - 1:45 P.M. Meditations on the Passion
1:45 - 3:00 P.M. Stainer's "The Crucifixion"
Easter Even (Saturday)
4:00 P.M. Holy Baptism

EASTER DAY

6:30 A.M. Holy Communion
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion (Choral)
9:40 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon
(Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day.)

EASTER OFFERING

The enclosed envelope is for your Easter Offering. This offering is used by the Vestry for current expenses.

"Ye shall not appear before the Lord empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." Deuteronomy XVI:16, 17.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th Street and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, April 7, 1958 at 8:00 P.M.

"The Members of the Corporation, who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before the meeting of the Corporation, shall be all Lay, Baptized, and Confirmed persons of the age of Twenty-one years or upwards, who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual Place of Public Worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the Corporation during each of the two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: Mr. James Rothermel, Mr. Earl A. Smith, Sr., Mr. Gordon W. Gabell.

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BAPTISMS: William Carson Newnam, Mark Custer Evans, William Craig Cody, Eileen Linda Gale, Sarah Ann Rhine, John Andrew Northwood, Harold Wilkinson Rowles, Jr., Sue J. Rowles, Mark Christopher Eckhoff, Elaine Marie Corcoran, Robert William Terry, Bruce Steven Hunter, George Niles Childs Ruh.

The following were baptized conditionally: Grethe Melchior Hansen Kennedy, Catherine Laura Russell Van Fosson, Russell Sturges Williamson, Stephen Milo McFee.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Joseph Edward Anderson, John Beattie, Raymond Bernard Bruce, John Mower Cathers, Jr., Bonnie Irene Clark, James George Colsher, Beth Arlene Crain, Elizabeth Jayne Cramp, George Thomas Denny, Carolyn Jean Dove, William Lewis Dugan, Eleanor Florentine Duval, John Charles Engle, Hallie Nettye Fitch, Patsy Owens Fitch, Sandra Lea Francis, Robert Lane Gardner, William Elmer Gardner, David John Gilligan, Mildred Carter Hugonet, Grethe Hansen Kennedy, Alice Vivian Kraft, Charlotte Ts'ui Liu, Oscar Chun Liu, Carol Joan Marker, Stephen Milo McFee, Emma Simon McLeod, Warren Anthony Menewisch, Jr., Donna Anita Montrezza, Janice Ruth Nauss, Alice Money Powers, Thomas Earl Pritchett, Margaret Riday Rechner, Harry James Richards, George Schmoll, Jr., Neva Ann Gilbert Schmoll, Linda Marie Small, Thomas Raymond Smith III, Mark Raymond Treftz, Catherine Laura VanFosson, Frederick Albert Warner, Darlene Virginia Williamson, Russell Sturges Williamson, Lane Hamilton Yerkes.

The following were received into the Episcopal Church: Elizabeth Veronica Sweeney, Lillian Russo Williamson.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Alfred Snyder from Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, 27th and Wharton Streets, Philadelphia; James H. H. Marvel, Sr., Mrs. Sarah E. Marvel, and James H. H. Marvel, Jr. from The Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, 57th and Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Doris Rambo Dooley to St. Andrew's Church, Monroe, Wisconsin; Mrs. Adelene Manderfield McCaffrey, and Francis Joseph McCaffrey to the Church of the Resurrection, Mayfair, Philadelphia; Richard Buchanan and Richard Buchanan, Jr., to St. Andrew's Church, Clearfield, Pa.; Elsie M. Eisenberger to Christ Church, Ridley Park, Pa.; Herman C. Mueller to St. Mary's Church, Stone Harbor, N. J.; Richard Edward Ehling to St. Stephen's Church, Houston, Texas.

MARRIAGES: William Donald Tustin and Kathleen Antoinette King; George Schmoll, Jr. and Neva Ann Gilbert; David Percival Lerry and Patricia Ann Snow.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Thomas L. Wilson, John Rawlings, John W. Allen, John Pover, Robert S. Thompson, Augustus W. Watts, Louis Miller, Elbert H. Wiley, Sr., James H. McCormack, Margaret E. Middleton, Catherine B. Miller, Ethyle D. Matthews, Bertha Weigle, James Joseph Brennan, Jr., Augustus Ferguson, Henry F. Wise, Robert Shaw, Harry Moore, Isabel Adams, Helen L. Lyons, Della Elliott, Walter W. Palmer, Lillian E. B. Grimes, Elizabeth J. Robinson, Alfred P. Force, John David Clyde, Sr., Howard Y. Cooley, Elizabeth Groth.

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BAZAAR AND SUPPER

The boys and girls of the Sunday School will have their annual Bazaar and Supper on Wednesday, April 23rd. Your contributions and patronage will be appreciated. Part of the proceeds will be placed in the Benevolence and Missionary Account. Some of the monies are placed in a Special Fund for various Sunday School projects.

MITE BOX PRESENTATION

Instead of receiving the Children's Mite Boxes on Easter Day there will be a service for the Presentation of the Mite Boxes on Sunday, April 13th at 9:40 A.M. The Sunday School Officers and Teachers are of the opinion that money and finances should not center the thinking of our children on Easter Day.

EASTER COMMUNION

Enclosed is a form for you to fill in concerning your Easter Communion. You may place the paper in an offering plate, leave it with an Usher, or mail it to the Rectory. It is your reception of the Holy Communion that gives you status as a Communicant of the Church. Your signing such a form enables us to keep our Register up-to-date.

(If you do not make your Communion at Easter, please note the correct date on the form.)

SETS OF ENVELOPES

The following sets of envelopes are being used but the numbers are not identified. Will the users kindly inscribe their name and address with their envelope number on a card and give to an usher, or place in the offering.
#88, #285, #483, #498, #519.

THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

On Tuesday Evening April 29th at 8:00 P.M. in the Sparks Building, The Rev'd. Dr. James L. Jones will present an illustrated lecture on the Dead Sea Scrolls. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend this interesting session.

MR. CONKLIN'S ORDINATION

Word comes concerning Mr. Conklin's ordination as Deacon on Saturday April 12th at 10:00 A.M. The Service will be in the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, Long Island. Later we shall be able to include more information in a Sunday program.

THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE HOLY BIBLE

We have been using this new translation of Holy Writ in our Services of Morning Prayer. Our intention is to purchase a Lectern copy for the Church. Are all impressed by the clarity of this modern version? Certainly it appears to make for easier reading.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School has an enrollment of 502 persons. During the month of January the average attendance was 328. In addition there was an average of 54 persons (not members of the Sunday School) attending Mr. Conklin's Class which meets at the same time as the Sunday School.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
SUMMER 1958
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Years ago one of my Seminary Classmates remarked that the Pastor of the Congregation of which he was a member had stated that he did not ordinarily thank people for any service that they rendered the Church. Such service, he insisted, was but doing what is one's duty. Doubtless this venerable pastor was thinking of the parable recorded in St. Luke 17. The tenth verse reads "So you also when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' "

From one point of view the Clergyman was speaking the truth. And what he stated obtains for the Clergy as well as for the laity. What we have done for God's Church is our duty.

In the face of this principle I must say that I do feel the desire to say "Thank you" to those persons who generously and dutifully, serve the Church. The business of operating a parish Church with its manifold activities is a mutual enterprise. It is the responsibility of clergy and laity alike. What a disappointing and burdening experience it is when the laity offer feeble or no response to the leadership of their pastor. On the other hand what an incentive it is when members of the Congregation eagerly undertake responsibilities in the affairs of the Church.

So, I am thanking many of you for what you do on behalf of St. James and the Church at large: members of the various organizations, the choristers, Sunday School teachers, ushers, scores of you, for what you give of self and time. Also, those of you who give of your possessions. Some of you are self-sacrificing and very liberal. How it heartens me as a clergyman, and how it encourages and challenges me, to know that there are members of my Congregation, fellow-workers for the Kingdom, who set so high a standard of stewardship.

All of you, accept this expression of gratitude for what you do to help me and the rest of our membership make this Parish Church an effective organization in this Community and elsewhere. May all of us under God be enabled and impelled to continue as profitable servants in the work of the Church.

I do hope that each of you will have a pleasant and refreshing Summer.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

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BAPTISMS: Linda Marie Carlberg, Sarah Catherine Kindt Owens, Barbara Jean Foley, Patricia Marion Kennedy, Harold Nathan Fitch III, Perry Edward Carson, Barbara Mae Fitch, Pricilla Talbot Fitch, Robert Wayne Willoughby, Bradford Arthur Burton, Dana Lee Baker, Drew David Kelley, Kathryn Frances McVean, John Allen Dreyer, Karen Leslie Shelly, Debra Louise Humphreys, Jane Florence Wagner, Theresa Ann Fithian. (Mary Maud McConsey Eckman was baptized conditionally.)

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Lillian Violet Norton Romano from the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, 27th and Wharton Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Frank M. Suplee III to Church of the Atonement, Morton, Pa.; Jacob Harris Yocum to the Church of the Holy Comforter, Drexel Hill, Pa.; Fred and Estelle Lucy Pidgeon to St. Paul's Church, Glen Loch, Pa.; Mrs. Myra Petzold Kling to Church of the Atonement, Laurel Springs, N.J.; Mrs. Alice Elizabeth Noden Ryan to St. Paul's Church, Chester, Pa.; Earl A. Smith, Jr. to St. Paul's Church, Levittown, Pa.; Norman G. Macleod, Jr. and Evelyn M. Macleod to Church of the Atonement, Morton, Pa.

MARRIAGES: James G. Reed and Nancy Adair Duffy.

"Whom God hath joined together"

BURIALS: Frank M. Davis, Joel V. Myers, Matilda M. King, Joseph W. Edwards, Lillian M. Hopson, William Okker, Mary H. Schellhammer, Frank Marta, Rudolph MacKara, Laszlo Horvath, John D. Ferguson, Jr. Emilie N. Lacey, Clarisse Hanna, Jennie Beattie, Margaret H. O'Donnell, William J. Patterson, Estelle Lunn, Emma V. Parker, Maria G. Wilson, Catherine Love, George C. Burns, Michael Joseph Kelleher.

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BEQUEST

A recent letter from an attorney representing the Executors of the estate of the late Jane Kershaw informed the Rector and Vestrymen that Church. Jane's family had long been associated with this parish. A "Schedule of Organizations" frame in the Church Vestibule is a memorial to a member of the Kershaw family; the Chancel Chair at the Prayer Desk is a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. John Kershaw, parents of Jane.

The Vestry has not as yet had its regular meeting at which time action will be taken concerning the use of this liberal bequest.

Some years ago Miss Kershaw was transferred to the Church of the Resurrection, North Philadelphia. She also included that Church in her bequests.

DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN

Enclosed is an envelope for a contribution to the Diocesan Campaign Fund. Many of you have already subscribed to this fund and possibly are continuing to make payments against a pledge. We wish that such contributors disregard this appeal and the envelope.

We have mailed this letter primarily for those who have not made any offering toward the Fund. We feel that everyone who is capable of doing so will want to participate in providing needed monies for certain Diocesan projects. \$ 500,000.00 is to be used for enlarging the library at the Divinity School, and to create an endowment to increase faculty salaries. \$750,000.00 will be used by the Diocese for purchasing ground in developing areas and erecting new buildings thereon.

St. James' share in this Diocesan Campaign is \$ 12,500.00. According to our latest figures \$ 7,735.65 has been paid in cash. We have yet to receive \$ 4,764.35. Only part of that amount has been pledged. Hence the appeal to those who have pledged or given nothing. (As a matter of information pledges have averaged \$45.50). May your Campaign Committee (Mr. Gordon W. Gabell, Chairman) depend on you to make a liberal contribution so that St. James may pay her share in full.

The date for the return of these special envelopes is on or before Sunday, October 12th.

NOTES:

Summer Services are at the usual hours: 8:30, 9:40; 11:00 A.M.

Mr. Norman Faramelli, a Middler at the Divinity School, is assisting the Rector. During the summer he will be responsible for the Family Service each Sunday. In the Fall he will continue as the leader for the Adult Class.

The Finance Committee will appreciate your keeping your weekly envelopes up-to-date.

Persons confirmed in the Episcopal Church are reminded that there is no provision in the Canons of the Church for transferring a Communicant to any other non-Episcopal denomination.

HOLIDAY

The Rector and Mrs. Gilbert for their holiday plan to visit the Julians in Charlotte, N. C. and the Bryson Gilberts in Austin, Texas. Thence they will motor to Berkeley, California where Bryson and his family plan to live for the next three years. During the absence of the Rector, the Rev'd. Melvin M. Heckler will officiate at the Sunday Services. He will also respond to any calls for visiting the sick, officiating at baptisms and funerals. Mr. Heckler's address is 118 Chester Parkway, Chester, Pa. (telephone: Chester 2-1442). If at any time you need the services of a clergyman and do not have this information, dial the Rectory (SA 9-8290). The operator will refer your call to Miss Mary Schmehl (SA 9-3996) who will have the address et cetera of Mr. Heckler and other available clergy.

COMMUNICANT SLIPS

Before Easter we mailed a slip to each person on our mailing list concerning receiving the Holy Communion. The purpose was to check names and make certain that all communicants be properly identified in the Parish Register. May we ask all who have not signed such a statement to do so. Use any available paper and note:

Name:
Address:

This is to inform the Rector that of
(Date:) I received the Holy Communion.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

The offering of Evening Prayer in the Church has become a rarity in this generation. It seems that Radio and TV programs plus the delights of motoring have made it almost impossible to get people into God's House on Sunday evenings. Yet there are numbers of people whose working hours prohibit them from attending Divine Worship on Sunday morning. We have considered proposing an Evening Service one Sunday each month in one of our Episcopal Churches in West Philadelphia. We could periodically arrange for a celebration of Holy Communion. We could choose a Church that would be near the centre of our Convocation and convenient to public transportation facilities. How many readers of this notice would be interested? Address a note to the Rector or speak to him in person expressing your interest.

A GRACE

We are indebted to Miss Charlotte U. Day for this Grace which is used regularly at the Burd School.

Lord, bless the bread we break this day,
And bless the faith in which we pray.
For grace to grow, and grace to live,
And grace like thine to love and give.

Amen.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

During the past year we have had a Church advertisement in the Southwest Globe Times. Recently we began just such a weekly "ad" in the Saturday Evening Bulletin. Just how useful are these ads? Is there any person reading this paragraph who knows of anyone who has come to St. James for any Service because of the advertisement? We will greatly appreciate a letter or message from you in answer to our query.

THE COMMUNION ALMS

The blue envelope in your packet is placed at the disposal of the Rector and is used by him for various purposes: "This offering is used by the Rector for the Altar Bread and Wine; for any other expenses incurred in the administration of the Holy Communion; for people and institutions in need of financial assistance." In addition to assisting needy members of the parish and community the Rector sends contributions to various agencies. During recent months, the following have received assistance: Kiyosato Educational Experimental Project, American Leprosy Missions, Inc., Saint Anna's Home, Penn Asylum, for Indigent Widows and Single Women, International Rescue Committee, Inc., Christ's Mission, Inc., The St. Francis Boys' Homes of Kansas, American Foundation For Overseas Blind, Inc., American Medical Center for Burma, Inc., The Pocket Testament League, Inc. The Children's Seashore House at Atlantic City, American Waldensian Aid Society.

SUNDAY SHOPPING

Sunday Shopping is censured in a letter from Bishop Emrich of Michigan to his clergy, "It is surprising," says the Bishop, "that in our society, with its pressures and over-driven souls, people do not with alarm view the encroachment on Sunday as a further increase to the pressures and destruction of the small remaining peace we have."

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
DECEMBER 1958
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Years ago when I was a young man I heard an English clergyman quoted as saying that he found it difficult to preach to American people because they did not know the Bible. I have no reason to suppose that the condition has improved any during my life-time and furthermore, I have a notion that this same Preacher would not find the people of the British Isles to-day as well informed in Holy Writ as were their forebears. This matter is cause for lamenting. I do not see how intelligent Christians can know a genuine development in their religious experience without a fair knowledge of the Holy Bible. Everyone of us ought to make it a part of his rule of life to do some systematic reading in the Scriptures, especially the New Testament.

Those of you who are parents: Do not depend on a brief Sunday School session to educate your children in the Bible. You must make it your business to familiarize your children with the Bible characters and the Bible stories. When your youngsters want stories read to them, as often as you can, use the Bible Story Books. As they get older provide books that they can read: "The Life of Christ", "The Story of St. Paul", et cetera. We would not deprive boys and girls of a reasonable share of time looking at television. But, we would make certain that a portion of their time be spent on serious reading, and especially religious literature.

Our Sunday School at St. James distributes a Bible story cartoon-leaflet every Sunday. We think it a good way to familiarize the pupils with the Bible characters and Bible stories. It would be very helpful if parents could read from the Bible with their children the story that is depicted in these pictures. A few minutes following the evening meal would be productive of much good.

With all the helps to Bible interpretation, and all the excellent translations of the Old and New Testaments that are available, Church members ought to be increasingly well informed. I trust that all of our members at St. James will take this matter seriously to heart and help to increase the knowledge of God's Word among God's people.

During these days of preparation for the Festival of the Holy Nativity may you grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God the Father and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

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BAPTISMS: Sharon Ann Berkeyheiser, April Lynn Berkeyheiser, Patricia Ann Hemple, Debra Ann Schaaf, Joseph Woodrow Tolar, Myra Pamela Tolar, Jerry Mitchell Tolar, Susan Jean Fullerton, Edward Sunday Jackson III, Richard Peter Rippel, Valeria Jean Tuzi, David Anthony Tuzi, Thomas Kevin Kreeger, Blanche Elizabeth Morgan, William Marshall Borger, Frank Robert Greeman Jr., Patricia Jean Kelley, Deborah Ann Bannon, Laurel Jadwyn Lock, Gregory John MacMichael, Craig Charles Camp, Thomas William Allen, Dale Curtis Francis, Diane Marie Estes, Sally Ann Stephens, Merrilee Ann Buck, Carole June Tustin, Allen Joseph Perry, Wayne Sterling Motte, Kim Elizabeth Kleckner, Diane Marie Wilson, David Edward Williams, Leslie Estelle Northwood, William John Tripler, Thomas Edward Robertson, David Thomas Ferguson.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Frances Janette Kowchak, Frances Janette Kowchak, Charles Frederick Kowchak from the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22nd & Morris Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. James Robert Ferris, Jr. from the Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Albert Brindley from Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia, Pa.

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TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Albert Edward Whisman and Catherine J. Whisman to St. Peter's, Glenside, Pa.; Mrs. Ruth Hopkins Klodnicki to St. Barnabas Mission, Mantua, N. J.; William Kidd Scott, Jr. and Doreen Elinore Davis Scott to St. Martin's Selbyville, Delaware; Miss Jean Sparkman to St. Peter's, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Mary Rhine Cracraft to St. Luke's, Long Beach, California; Oscar Chun Liu and Charlotte Ts'ui Liu to Church of the Messiah, Gwynedd, Pa.; Mrs. Elsie Carlin Wizst to St. Simeon's-By-The-Sea, Wildwood, N. J.

MARRIAGES: Robert William Hammel and Eleanor Myrtle Heaton; Louis Gene Hurrelbrinck and Joan Eleanor Knowlton; Robert John Scott and Lola Joan Marcalis; William John Winans and Barbara Ann Black; George Lawrence Miller and Arlene Phyllis Anthony; Harry Vernon Millard and Ann Peters Schultz; Robert Jon Tartala and Nancy Elizabeth Dunning.

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BURIALS: Benjamin R. Hoffman, Mary M. Eckman, James C. W. Snowdon, Anna Murray, Charles E. Cloutman, James P. McCallister, Robert Irwin, Eva L. Carpenter, Nellie Grant Hassen, Cora May Warnick, James H. Walker, John B. Johnston, Anna M. Oberlander, Josephine J. Green, Gustavus C. Mellon, Evelyn W. Downes, Oliver Francis Rhine Sr., Norman G. Reeder, Harry L. Bradt, Annabelle McThinsky, Raymond Yetter, Charles Palmer, Ronald E. Driver, Emma F. Phillips, Elizabeth Terne.

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The Calendar for the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Seasons is as follows:

Sunday, December 14th	- 7:45 P.M.	"Lucia Fest" a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann. Address by the Rev'd. Charles H. Long, D.D., Secretary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Following the Service in the Church, Coffee and Coffee Cake will be served in the Parish House.
Sunday, December 21st	- 9:40 A.M.	Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering.
	7:45 P.M.	The Annual Service "Carols by Candlelight"
Thursday, December 25th, Christmas Day	7:00 A.M.	Holy Communion
	9:30 A.M.	Holy Communion (Choral) and Sermon

Monday, December 29th - 7:30 P.M.

Sunday School Christmas Party for the entire school - Nursery and all classes.

Thursday, January 1st, (New Year's Day)

8:15 A.M.

Holy Communion

An envelope is enclosed for your Christmas Offering. "Ye shall not appear before the Lord empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." Deuteronomy 16:16,17.

CHANGE IN TIME OF SUNDAY SERVICES

Commencing Sunday January fourth Services will be at the following times:

8:15 A.M. The Holy Communion
9:30 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School
11:00 A.M. The Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

This schedule will give more time between Services for the Altar Guild to do their necessary work in the Sanctuary.

THE NEW BIBLE FOR THE LECTERN

As this letter is being written we are planning to dedicate a new Bible for use in the Services of Divine Worship. This Bible is the Revised Standard Version published by Thomas Nelson and Sons. The volume has been given by members of their families as a memorial to:

William Connor 1885 - 1956
Margaret A. Connor 1886 - 1955
Archie H. Egee 1894 - 1953
Emma M. Morrell 1895 - 1957
Clemens J. Sylvester 1892 - 1950

THE DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN

St. James was asked to raise \$12,500 for the Diocese and the Seminary. Thus far \$9,992.15 has been contributed. We trust that all who have made pledges will fulfill their intention as soon as possible.

During the past season the Vestry has received notification concerning several bequests to St. James Church:

1. The late Jane C. Kershaw bequeathed \$1000.00 to St. James.
2. The Montgomery County Bank and Trust Company has notified the Vestry that one Sarah A. Jackson, 215 Chain Street, Norristown has provided a bequest of \$2000.00 in her will. Settlement has not been made in this matter. The Rector will appreciate hearing from anyone who was acquainted with this benefactor, the late Miss Sarah A. Jackson.

(We would note that it has always been the policy of the Vestry receiving such bequests as those from Jane C. Kershaw and Sarah A. Jackson to add them to the Endowment Fund so that they may serve perpetually as a source of income for the Parish).

3. During August 1957 the mortal remains of Mrs. May Colflesh Street were interred in the Colflesh lot in St. James Churchyard. In June 1956 Mrs. Street had made a will in which St. James Church was designated as the ultimate beneficiary. Immediately the estate is placed in a Trust fund and the income thereof is divided periodically between the husband of the deceased, Mr. George A. Street, and a brother, Mr. David E. Colflesh.

The relevant article in the will reads thus:

"After the death of both my said husband and my said brother, this trust shall terminate and the principal shall be paid to the Church Foundation of the Diocese of Pennsylvania to be held as an endowment and the income therefrom to be paid to the EPISCOPAL CHURCH in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, known as SAINT JAMES OF KINGSESSING, as a Memorial to my mother and father, Eleanor M. Colflesh and John William Colflesh (Senior). I direct that a portion of the principal of this fund (not exceeding however the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)) be used to erect a suitable memorial in the memory of my mother and father and that the balance be held as an endowment fund in their memory, the income only to be used by the Church. I request that such wishes as I may have expressed during my life, or may be indicated in writings found after my death, concerning the memorial to be erected, be followed."

This is an extraordinary bequest, and we are very grateful. It will mean that, added to our present endowments, there will be a very liberal invested sum to provide an annual income sufficient to keep our entire property in good physical condition. Certainly with such financial security as this St. James should be enabled to continue a vital work in this community.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The Men's Club will be selling Christmas trees at the 68th St. end of the Church yard Wednesday, December 17th thru Tuesday December 23rd. You will encourage the men by your patronage.

CONFIRMATION

No definite date has as yet been set for the Confirmation Service

Items of Interest:

On Saturday January 17th 5:00-7:00 P.M. The Men's Club will have a Sauerkraut and Frankfurter Supper in the Parish House.

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary packed thirteen large bags of used clothing for Church World Service. The clothing was brought to the Parish House on November 13th.

A Committee is considering the matter of having a Service and Social on New Year's Eve.

The Cub Pack of Troop 115 B.S.A. will have a Square Dance in the Parish House, Saturday, January 24, 1959.

The Men's Club are planning to go to the Ice Follies on Wednesday January 7th. For tickets speak to an Usher, or write to Mr. Henry Harvey 6124 Reinhard Street, Phila. 42, Pa.

Family Service of Philadelphia, 311 South Juniper Street, announces its "Homemaker Service"- "Homemaker Service helps some families care for their children when mothers are unable to do so because of illness. Its purpose is to prevent the temporary breaking up of the home, thus preserving family life.

For some families, Homemaker Service may not be the answer, and the agency's caseworkers may be able to help the family work out other plans.

Homemakers are, in effect, substitute mothers, assisting the ill mother if she is in the home. They are experienced women carefully selected for their reliability, maturity, their understanding of children and ability to manage a home. They usually work an 8-hour day, 5 days a week. Special schedules can be arranged at times, and there are times when no homemaker is available.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1959
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

A matter that should concern all of us is the paradox of increasing Church membership in the United States and decreasing Church influence in secular life. One by one States are legalizing lotteries and various forms of gambling, commercial transactions on Sunday, et cetera. We look with considerable concern at this trend of affairs. Certainly many good traditional standards and customs are disappearing and in their place comes only what makes for pleasure or profit. Even though so vast a number of citizens profess membership in the various religious bodies it appears that membership does not greatly influence their convictions or conduct in many matters.

We think that professing Christians should have some iron-clad convictions: they should consider the Lord's Day as a day for Worship and Godly activities; they should staunchly refuse to participate in gambling projects, or in any kind of intemperate, undignified, or indecent pastime. We remember that in other generations when men's activities deteriorated to baseness the God-fearing people girded themselves with strong prohibitions. The populace called them Puritans. Perhaps that is what the Church must do in this era: sound the call to withdrawal from every semblance of worldliness. It will mean a loss of membership but it will at least indicate to society that Christians are people who do not just conform to the uninspired, and uninspiring, ways of the world.

I trust that every one of us may know a deepening of faith, a renewal of loyalty, and a growth in the love and adoration of God during this Easter Season.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

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BAPTISMS: John Ellwood Patrick, Sandra Ruth Figel, Sandra Lee Connell, John Carroll Hickey IV, Gregory Walter Boone, Linda Marie Henry, Neva Ann Schmoll, Robert Francis Kent, Jr., Donna Marie Wharton, Stacey Allison Tustin, John Elmer Hartman, Linda Marie Reed. The following were baptized conditionally: Oakley Nelson Sindel, Grace Pusey Leopold.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Florence Goldhahn from St. Titus, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Beatrice Mae Kwartnik from the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, 27th & Wharton Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Elizabeth Lunney, Miss Mary Lunney from the Church of the Holy Apostles and Mediator, 51st and Spruce Streets, Phila., Pa.

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TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: James Rothermel, Mrs. Edith Mae Williams Rothermel and Joanne Mae Rothermel to St. James Church, Green Ridge, Pa.; Mrs. Marie McCuilen McIntyre to the Church of the Redeemer, Springfield, Del. Co., Pa.; Albert Fisher, and Mrs. Albert Fisher to St. Michael's Church, Orlando, Florida; Mrs. Frances M. Xenakis to St. Michael's, Yeadon, Pa.; Mrs. Louise Tate King to Grace Church, Vineyard Haven, Mass.

MARRIAGES: John Sherman Strance to Dorothy Mae Burton; Gustave Roth to Edith Maloof; Donald Morrell Sylvester to Joan Gladys Leitch Sylvester; Oakley Nelson Sindel to Elizabeth Ann Piccione; Frank Terne, Jr. to Caroline Rose Scott; Robert George Monahan to Mary Ethel Conlin.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Arthur E. Lunn, Edward L. Darling, Gilbert Harvey, Adiel Martin Stern, Brinton Ford, James H. Klingenstein, Louise Clements, Thomas B. Enderlin, Henrietta Wrenn, Pearl Schultz, Carl G. Taylor, Ernest Lehmann, Arthur Wrenn, Anna B. McKay, Peter Marcalis, William C. Patterson, Mary C. DeLaney, Charles E. McEntee, Marie V. Jarrell, Carl O. Johnson, Sr.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 22nd
8:15 A.M. Holy Communion
9:30 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon
(Distribution of Palms at each Service)

Maundy Thursday
7:45 P.M. Holy Communion

Good Friday
11:45 A.M. Children's Service
12:15 - 1:45 P.M. Meditations on the Passion
1:45 - 3:00 P.M. Matthews' "Gethsemane to Golgotha"

Easter Even (Saturday)
4:00 P.M. Holy Baptism

EASTER DAY

6:30 A.M. Holy Communion
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion (Choral)
9:30 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon
(Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day.)

EASTER OFFERING

The enclosed envelope is for your Easter Offering. This offering is used by the Vestry for current expenses.

"He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:6,7.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th Street and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, March 30, 1959 at 8:00 P.M.

"The Members of the Corporation, who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before the meeting of the Corporation, shall be all Lay, Baptized, and Confirmed persons of the age of Twenty-one years or upwards, who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual Place of Public Worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the Corporation during each of the two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: Mr. Fred A. Davidson, Mr. P. John Moore, Mr. Raymond Watts.

THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

This letter comes to you three or four times each year. It is the one way we have of keeping our congregation informed concerning significant matters in the activities at St. James, and concerning Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, et cetera. One letter is sent to each husband and wife, and to every other confirmed person on our parish file. That means that we mail approximately 950 letters each time.

Each week we mimeograph at least 400 programs. Since current matters are noted in the program leaflet we do not attempt to cover all items of interest for the Parish-Family Letter. If you desire to have a copy of the program each week why not ask someone in the Congregation to bring or mail you one. It is almost impossible for us to mail a copy to all our parishioners every week.

HORSE RACING AND LOTTERIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

We are heartily in accord with those organizations which are opposing the current effort to legalize horse racing and lotteries in this Commonwealth. If you are interested write:

1.) Governor David L. Lawrence, State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pa. and ask him to rethink his attitude towards the Horse Race Referendum Bill and Bingo. It is important for the Governor to know how you feel. Write at once, encourage your friends to write.

2.) Write letters to Honorable Hiram G. Andrews, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Honorable Albert W. Johnson, Minority Leader of the House, and Honorable Stephen McCann, Majority Leader of the House. Address these three men, State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pa. Urge them to oppose the adoption of any of the gambling bills in the Rules Committee of which they are members, especially the Horse Race Referendum Bill HB #3. In writing these men you can also ask them to oppose HB #90 which would remove the curfew on the playing of Sunday baseball.

THE DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN

Mr. Gordon W. Gabell, Chairman of the Campaign Committee, is eager to terminate payments in this project. There is still a sizeable amount owing by persons who have not completed their pledged contributions. Of course, anyone who, due to unforeseen circumstances, is unable to fulfill his commitment may write to Mr. Gabell, c/o St. James Church, stating that he cannot send any more money.

COMMUNICANT'S SIGNATURE

Does the Rector know that you have received the Holy Communion during the past year? If you have not received the Sacrament regularly, or if it has been a long time since you received, or if you have not been transferred from your former parish to St. James, it will help in keeping our records up-to-date if you will sign a Communicant's form:

Name: _____

Address _____

This is to inform the Rector that I
received the Holy Communion on

Date: _____

BAZAAR AND SUPPER

The boys and girls of the Sunday School will have their annual Bazaar and Supper on Wednesday, April 22nd. Your contributions and patronage will be appreciated. Part of the proceeds will be placed in the Benevolence and Missionary Account. Some of the monies are placed in a Special Fund for various Sunday School projects.

MITE BOX PRESENTATION

There will be a Service for the Presentation of the Mite Boxes on Sunday April 5th at 9:30 A.M. (The Sunday after Easter). On Sunday April 26th, the Diocesan Presentation will be at the Cathedral in Roxborough at 4:00 P.M.

LIGHT ABOVE THE CHURCH ENTRANCE

Through the generosity of two parishioners, Mrs. Mildred L. Needham and Mrs. Beatrice S. Oldham, we have an attractive and efficient light above the narthex entrance to the Church. The light has been presented as a memorial to:

Martha Lewers Hoffman

1871 - 1957

Joseph Harper Oldham

1891 - 1951

My dear People:

Often I wonder what is the average Church member's attitude and opinion concerning the Church. One suspects that many persons have the idea that in some mysterious way God has given the Church to the Clergy who, through the mysterious business of ordination, pass on the responsibility to a succeeding generation of Bishops and Priests. In the meantime it is the responsibility of the pastors to keep people reminded of their spiritual needs, and to teach them the way of righteousness, - for God wants people to be "good". Some people fail to participate in the worship and other activities of any parish because, so they say, "I can be just as "good" as Church members without going to Services of Divine Worship."

This sort of talk is very childish. I do not think that God is judging our souls by what we, or most other men, call being "good". God wants two things of us primarily. One is trustfulness toward Him, and the other is love, the kind of love that endeavors ever to keep His commandments, to seek and do His Holy Will, and to offer one's self in dependent and adoring worship. This is more like what God calls being "good".

There is one other activity that enters into our right relationship with God. That is our responsibility for the welfare of the Church. It is the responsibility of every person baptized into the Christian Church. Not just the Clergy's burden! The layman from the time that he is baptized is responsible for the Church: for her pure doctrine, for her maintenance and growth. You can not as a consistent, thoughtful person, side-step your obligation in this matter. The Church is yours. It is yours to cherish, to support; it is yours for participation in Divine Worship, day-by-day and week-by-week for as long as you live on this Earth. May God grant you joy and satisfaction as you fulfill your duty as a member of the Body of Christ.

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My repeated wish for a refreshing and happy Summer.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER
March 1 to June 2, 1959

BAPTISMS: Victor Joseph Murray, Leon Edward Gale, Jr., Joseph Michael Peck, John Frederick Kurtz, Jr., Jerri Lynn Wise, Catherine Ann Pearl, Stephen Michael Wetzel, Barbara Fortune Lambillotte, Daniel Francis Hemple, Terry Lynn Shaffstall, Michael Brinton Canavin, David Benjamin Harvey, Robert John Fink, Elizabeth Ruth Fink, James Harlan Todd, Evelyn Coleen Todd, John Edgar Tomeo, David Christopher Barnabei, John Claude Greenman

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CONFIRMATIONS: Thomas Frederick Allen, Randall Robert Bowes, Beverly Ann Brosius, Alfred William Buddy, Charles Edward Cloutman, James Joseph Cook, Harry Vaughn Coons, Pamela Lynn Desmond, Janet Lynn Duncan, Jane Catherine Elliott, Mrs. Lillian Elizabeth Dunlap Ferris, Betty Mae Frame, Carol Lee Fredericks, Harold Lester Greenawalt, Catherine Norma Higman, Roberta Helen Higman, Lewis Frederick Hosbach, Frank William Johnson, Sandra Lee Kelley, Ronald Wayne Kimball, Grace Pusey Leopold, Mrs. Mildred Elaine Marks Lews, Carl Henry Maurer, Elizabeth Carolyn McClure, Jamie B. McDowell, Katharine Elizabeth Miller, John Victor Murray, Bruce Lee Northwood, Edgar William Northwood, Lillian Irene Orrell, Emma Merrill Patrick, John Ellwood Patrick, Robert William Richmond, Walter Richter, Edward Horace Schmehl, George Schmehl, Clifford Charles Seran, Andrea Ring Stewart, Barry Conrad Stollte, Elizabeth Jane Swan, John Edmund Wagner, Elaine Marie Ward, James Harold Warner, Carol Ann Williams, Timothy Elwood Wismer, Louis Edward Zelle.
The following were received into the Episcopal Church: Robert John Goodwin, Catherine Kurtz, Phyllis Emily Murray, Kathleen Antoinette Tustin, George Kenneth Watts.
Because of illness on March 15th, the following was confirmed on April 19, 1959 at Trinity Memorial Church for St. James: Joan Marie Hanna.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Samuel Edward Goldhahn from St. Titus, Philadelphia, Pa.; Margaret McDaid from St. John the Evangelist, 3rd & Reed Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Regina Hoynowski Keston from Holy Name of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Jeanette Reed Wise to St. Mark's, Pleasantville, N.J.; Mrs. Marion Walford Flem to Christ Church, Woodbury, N.J.; Percival Christie and Mrs. Anna Dunstan Christie to Calvary Church, Rockdale, Glen Riddle, Pa.; Robert E. Perry, Jr. to St. Mary's Church, Haddon Heights, N.J.

MARRIAGES: Frederick Horace Thomas and Kathleen Joan Moore.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Evelyn P. Jones, Harry Bagley, Mrs. Catherine R. Smith, William F. Gretzmacher, Rovine P. Hunsberger, Herbert L. Watkinson, Irene E. Wilkinson, Catherine Grubb, James A. Gallaher, John Ernest Dunn, Louisa Close, William F. Evans, Orpha Artman, Ruth F. Hood, John O. Worrell, Michael W. Roman, Sr., May Marta.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

THE SPARKS MEMORIAL BUILDING

It has been almost one century since a member of the Vestry of this Church, Mr. Thomas B. Sparks presented a building to the Congregation to be used as a parish school-house. Fifty-five years ago this building was enlarged by doubling its first floor area, and by adding a second floor. The result is a sizable structure which, however, by modern standards is not very efficient as a parish house.

To meet the demands that are placed upon this parish house today the Vestry has decided upon a modernization program. Of course, an addition could be added to the present structure to meet our needs. Your Vestry has decided that the first move should be to make the most of the space available in the building as it now stands.

The first step is that of improving the basement. The old pit has been filled in. The entire area with the exception of the boiler room has been cemented. Another exit direct to the Churchyard is being constructed. A men's shower room and lavatory are in process. There will be a locker and storage room, and a small kitchen for the accommodation of groups meeting in this improved area. The Men's Club recreation equipment will be placed in the basement. In the large area available we plan to offer opportunity for a cub pack, scout troops, and similar organizations. Furthermore, we shall be able to utilize the space for Sunday School classes.

Beyond this immediate operation plans are being made to erect metal stairways in place of the present wooden structures. As soon as possible alterations will be made on the first floor. The principle project here will be in what we now call the Men's Club room. The plan is to divide the area so that there will be a women's lounge, an adequate office, and the remainder a convenient room for meetings and Sunday School classes.

How will this project be financed? The Vestry has commenced the modernization with the intention of borrowing funds as necessary. Presently we shall have a parish-wide campaign to underwrite the total cost which will doubtless amount to \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. No time has been set for this campaign. Immediately we are asking our members to make a contribution before the end of October. An envelope is enclosed for that purpose. Current commitments total about \$10,000.00 - (The cost of cementing the basement, constructing a new exit, plumbing, and erecting new walls about the entire area). We are therefore, asking everyone to make a liberal contribution. Of the 1,000 persons receiving an envelope, 500 are probably wage earners. An average of \$10.00 each will bring in \$5,000.00, a goodly share of our present bill. (We are asking that these envelopes be returned by Sunday October 18th.)

We would suggest and urge that, as the opportunity offers, parishioners use the west stairway and go into the basement to observe the improvement in this area.

NOTES:
Summer Services are at the usual hours: 8:15; 9:30; 11:00 A.M.

The Sunday School Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th at Clementon Park, New Jersey. Information sheets will be circulated nearer the date. All members of the parish are invited to attend. A nominal charge is made for persons other than members of the Sunday School who use the bus for transportation.

Mr. Norman Paramelli, Seminarian Assistant, will be responsible for the Family Service each Sunday.

The Finance Committee will greatly appreciate your keeping your weekly envelopes up-to-date.

THE RECTOR'S HOLIDAY

During the Rector's leave for a holiday the Rev'd. Melvin M. Heckler, 118 Chestnut Parkway, Chester, Pa. (TREMONT 2-1442) will assume pastoral responsibilities and officiate at the 8:15 and 11 o'clock Services on Sundays.

Persons desiring the services of a clergyman or having other business to transact with the Church may dial the Rectory number (SA 9-8290). The call will be directed to Miss Mary Schmehl, 2231 South Shields Street (SA 9-3996).

EVENING CELEBRATIONS

We have spoken from the Chancel about having celebrations of the Holy Communion on the eve of certain Holy Days: All Saints, Ascension Day, perhaps once each month on Sunday evening. These services would be similar to the Celebration on Maundy Thursday. What is your opinion? Would you welcome such an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Altar?

NUCLEAR REACTOR

As this copy is being prepared the total contributed by St. James Church toward the Nuclear Reactor for St. Paul's University, Tokyo, Japan is \$114.05. We are eager to send \$150.00.

THE RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

This fund is financed in several ways. On the first Sunday of each month at the 11 o'clock Service the loose offering is devoted to the Fund. Then there are contributions from various sources. Some persons use the birthday offering in the set of envelopes. All honoraria (ie. fees for baptisms, funerals, weddings) are placed in this fund.

As to the use of the fund. Prayer Books for the Confirmation Class are purchased; other material for the literature cabinet; the Rector's motor car cost and maintenance; other special demands not strictly within the category of charity. (Monies for the latter are in the Communion Alms.)

"RECEIVED"

At the time of the Bishop's visitation persons who have been confirmed within the historic Church (Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox) are received into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church. There is no necessity of confirming such persons. After instruction in the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Anglican Communion, they are formally admitted by publicly avowing their loyalty to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

THE CHURCH DOORS

Under the Chairmanship of Mr. Leonard Williams the Property Committee of the Vestry has had the doors in the north and south transepts of the Church re-hung so that they open outward. Some fifteen years ago this was done with the main entrance doors. Now all three sets of doors swing outward. This has been done to facilitate evacuation of the Church in case of any emergency.

One matter that is always a concern for organizations sponsoring any sort of program that necessitates the preparation of food is the estimating of the number who will attend. So many people wait until the day arrives and then decide whether or not to go to the affair. A rainy day means much of the food will be unused. A clear day may bring more persons than can be accommodated. The solution is simple: purchase your ticket ahead of time. Then the responsible committee can estimate their requirements.

This interesting note concerning the Forward Movement Booklet "Prayers New and Old":
"An interview with Reuben Vargas, reported in the New York Times (January 27, 1959), on the eve of his fight with Tony Anthony at Madison Square Garden, reveals that Mr. Vargas reads Plato, Spinoza, and Emerson. And something more: 'Vargas took a little blue book from his pocket. It was titled 'Prayers New and Old'. 'I was given this by a San Francisco banker, 'he said. 'It helps me to decide what to do.' "

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
DECEMBER 1959
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

One significant slogan that has been widely used during recent years is "Keep Christ in Christmas." This challenge should elicit a strong response in every one of us who cherish Christian traditions, Certainly the commercialism of the world is using the Holy Season to serve its own purposes, and with little or no regard for the religious significance of the occasion.

Many of us who were reared in a generation when the music of Christmas was carols and hymns cannot fully realize what is happening to the host of children who hear the Church's carols and hymns only incidentally. To them December is "Dreaming of a White Christmas" or "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer." Rudolph may be a good accomplice for St. Nicholas, but, certainly there is little connection between him and God's gift to man in the Holy Nativity. So, the music that we choose at Christmas, let it reflect the reverence and joyousness of the Church's hymnody.

Let our greeting cards express the sentiments of religion.

Let our family festivities develop from our worship in the Church. Especially should we have a time to read together the Nativity Story (St. Luke 2:1-20).

If we do participate in parties and celebrations determine that they all must be worthy of the Son of God whose birth we honor.

My good wishes for a joyous Season and a good New Year.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

THE PARISH REGISTER
June 3 to November 10, 1959

BAPTISMS: Carolee Ann Buck, Walter Thomas Morgan, John Joseph Antes, Joseph Glenn Kaufman, David John Allen, Kevin David Kyle, Donald Paul Myers, Jr., Karen Marie Myers, Jubal Willis Owens, Jr., Carol Elizabeth Ferris, Steven Thomas Harper, Karen Lee McBride, Elizabeth Ann Gilbert, (at All Saints Church, Austin, Texas) Debra Lynn Dreger, Joseph Thomas Bannon, William John Mowbray, 3rd, Robert Joseph Crain, Jr., Eleanor Ann Tyler, Susan Nazem Haidar, Gail Elaine Northwood, Robert Joseph Sullivan, Beth Elaine Pottier, Dean Sarah Walter, Shirley Ann Schmehl, David Frank Tustin, Robert Bell Hance, IV, Walter Christian Kissling, Jr., Virginia Ann Mull, John Emory Harvey, Harry Jones.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Katherine W. Coton McDonald from Trinity Church, Pottsville, Penna.; Mrs. Louise Harrington from Trinity Church, Kearny, New Jersey; Elizabeth A. Jenks from St. Peter's, Germantown, Penna.; Dorothy Margaret Hayes from Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22nd & Morris Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

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TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Mrs. Emily Kesh Adams Croasdale to Good Samaritan Church, Paoli, Penna.; James R. Ferris, Jr. and Mona Lloyd Ferris to St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, Pa.; Mrs. Kathryn Gertrude Van Fosson Minutola to Church of the Ascension, Claymont, Delaware; Mrs. Mary Ellen Colgan Hauser to Emmanuel Church, Quakertown, Penna.; James Elliott Coombs Yocum to Holy Comforter, Drexel Hill, Penna.; Mrs. Harriet L. Hornberger Brown to St. Giles Church, Stonehurst, Upper Darby, Penna.; Harry A. Warner to Redeemer Church, Springfield, Del. Co., Penna.

MARRIAGES: Earl Howard Levers and Margaret Ann Marker; George Kenneth Harding, Jr., and Barbara Mae Stocker; Emidio John Amoroso and Jenaette Artelia Wellner; John Joseph Buccilli and Helen Gertrude Miller; Robert Edward Pierson and Elva Elizabeth Knox.

"Whom God hath Joined together"

BURIALS: Mary J. Bloomer, Eliza B. Bulley, Horace Fleming, Harry T. Wallace, Anna P. Green, Edward A. Miller, George W. Dillmore, Agnes E. McKnight, Theodore J. Martine, Adelia A. Schussler, Joseph C. Coaster, Mary Scott Snowden, Sarah A. Sparks Grafton, Norman H. Naylor, Samuel H. Stiles, John G. Buchanan, Richard Tustin, William Welsh, Herbert W. Snow, Sr., Robert J. McCandless, Jennie F. Bielesch, Albert A. Rundle, Jennie Laverty, Marian Sampson.

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CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

Members of the Men's Club will again be selling Christmas Trees at the 68th Street and Woodland Avenue entrance to the Churchyard. The exact dates will presently be announced in the Sunday programs. Won't you consider encouraging St. James men by purchasing your tree of them.

The Calendar for the Advent and Christmas Seasons is as follows:

- Sunday, December 13th - 7:45 P.M. "Lucia Fest" a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilda Lehmann. Following the Service in the Church, Coffee and Coffee Cake will be served in the Parish House.
- Sunday, December 20th - 9:30 A.M. Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School. Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering.
- 7:45 P.M. The Annual Service "Carols by Candlelight"
- Friday, December 25th, Christmas Day
- 7:00 A.M. Holy Communion
- 9:30 A.M. Holy Communion (Choral) and Sermon

Monday, December 28th - 7:30 P.M. Sunday School Christmas Party for the entire school - Nursery and all classes.

Friday, January 1st, (New Year's Day)
8:15 A.M. Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas Offering. This offering is used by the Vestry for the current expenses account and, therefore, helps us meet the various bills incurred in the operation of St. James Church.

"Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.
So God loved the world that he gave" (Book of Common Prayer, page 76)

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

Since there has been parish-wide solicitation for the Sparks Building Modernization Program the Finance Committee is omitting the Fall Every Member Canvass for the Parish and Benevolence Fund Budget. The Vestry is relying on all contributors to continue during 1960 their weekly support as during 1959. Any who do not have a packet of envelopes for 1959 but desire such for 1960 may sign the enclosed pledge card and place in the offering plate (or mail it to the Church). Additional cards are on the literature cabinet in the Church vestibule.

BOOK CASE

A new Book Case has been placed in the Church vestibule. This case is frankly an experiment. It affords more space for our circulating library. If it is used, if our members are really interested in reading religious books, we shall plan to replace this temporary with a more attractive case. (The present arrangement has been provided for by the offering of the Sunday School members to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.)

\$2,000 BEQUEST

By the terms of the will of Sarah A. Jackson, St. James Church received a bequest of \$2,000.00. This money has been placed by the Vestry in the Parish Endowment account. (Mrs. Ada Rhodes Tangye has helped us identify our benefactor who for years lived in Norristown. Miss Jackson was confirmed in this Church on May 5, 1892).

We are most grateful for such bequests enabling us to increase our endowment fund and thereby provide for the maintenance of this extensive property in the future. The income from our endowments is a big help to us in meeting our current expenses. We trust that many of our present parishioners have made provision in their wills for St. James Church.

THE SPARKS BUILDING MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

Work is progressing very well in the basement of the Sparks Building. We hope that early in 1960 we shall be able to use the social hall for many activities. The next alteration scheduled is the construction of a metal stairway at each end of the building.

While we are on the subject of the new social and recreation hall may we suggest our need of a piano. Either a spinet or an upright will serve the purposes of the new room.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Thursday January 21st - the Chancel Guild will have a Sauerkraut Supper.

Saturday January 23rd the Cub Pack of Troop 115, B.S.A., will conduct a Square Dance in the auditorium.

BISHOP HART CONTINUES

Our Diocesan, the Rt. Rev'd. Oliver J. Hart, D.Cn.L. will be eligible for retirement next July. The Standing Committee of the Diocese has asked him to remain in office. He has agreed to do so. We must realize, however, that according to the Canons of the Church he will be required to resign as Bishop of this Diocese in 1964.

TRANSFERS

It is the responsibility of parishioners to arrange for their transfer from one parish Church to another. If you have never been transferred from the Church where your name was last in the Register and you desire to have your membership in St. James, kindly write to the Rector of said Church requesting a transfer. You may use such a form as this:

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF TRANSFER

To the Rector of _____ Church
City _____ State _____

Please send our Letter of Transfer to _____ Church
as we desire to make it our Church home.

Sincerely,

Name _____
(Married women insert maiden name if marriage has occurred since confirmation. Also give approximate years of membership).
Address _____

Anyone desiring to be transferred from St. James to another parish may use the same form, addressing it to the Rector.

GLEANINGS FROM THE SUNDAY PROGRAMS

During the past Summer the exterior of the Rectory was painted, aluminum Storm sash and screens were installed in twelve windows in much used rooms of the Rectory. These sash will make for added comfort and reduced fuel bills. The entire improvement is a gift to the Congregation from Miss Margaret Shaw.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1960
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

All of you who have been confirmed and who are able to be present to participate in the worship of the Church on Easter Day should be preparing to receive the Holy Communion. You have been taught from childhood that it is customary for communicants to receive the Sacrament at least once each year, and especially on Easter Day.

It is well that each of us examine himself as he prepares to receive the Sacrament of the Altar not only concerning those matters referred to in the invitation, "ye who do truly and earnestly repent ---"(see page 75, Book of Common Prayer) or possibly in the Exhortations (see pages 85 - 89), but in his general attitude toward Our Lord and His Church.

Every one of us should approach the Altar with a genuine realization of his failures as a member of the Body of Christ.

"Dear Lord, I realize that I am too well satisfied with myself. I think that, because I don't cheat or lie or steal, I am a credit to myself and my family. But I am no source of joy to you, Good Lord. Only occasionally, or once a year, I come to kneel before the Altar. And I must be honest with you. I suppose I receive the Sacrament thinking more about what I can get out of it than what I am giving you. I suppose I am in a sense just trying to play safe, so that I may assure myself that I am a Christian and, therefore, in a State of Salvation. Lord, I know what I ought to be doing. I ought to be praying to overcome this luke-warmness, and this indifference, and the self-satisfaction that possesses my heart 364 days of the year. Forgive me, Lord, and help me to determine to be a genuine, dependable, consistent, diligent disciple."

Yes, we need to be offering that sort of prayer to God. We need to come to make our Easter Communion thinking not so much of our possessing a portion of God in the Sacrament as of re-dedicating ourselves so that God may possess all of us for every day of our lives, and for all of Eternity!

With the earnest hope that you may ever find increased "joy in believing" and that this Easter Season will be one of renewed hope and peace, I remain

Sincerely, your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

CONFIRMATION

The Rt. Rev'd. Oliver J. Hart, D.Cn.L., Bishop of Pennsylvania, will visit St. James on Sunday April 3rd at 3:30 P.M. for the Order of Confirmation. (All members of the Class will meet in the Church on Sunday March 27th at 4:00 P.M. for their final instruction.)

VOTE ON APRIL 26th

We are enclosing a card which we ask you to sign and return to the Church (mail, or bring it to a Service). The Council of Churches is eager to get 100,000 signatures as an expression of opposition to the proposed legalization of "Harness Racing and Parimutuel betting" in this county.

And, please, do not fail to vote on April 26th!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 10th		
8:15 A.M.	Holy Communion	
9:30 A.M.	Family Service and Sunday School	
11:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer and Sermon	
	(Distribution of Palms at each Service)	
Maundy Thursday		
7:45 P.M.	Holy Communion	
Good Friday		
11:45 A.M.	Children's Service	
12:15 - 1:45 P.M.	Meditations on the Passion	
1:45 - 3:00 P.M.	Shaw's - "The Redeemer"	
Easter Even (Saturday)		
4:00 P.M.	Holy Baptism	

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The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th Street and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, April 18, 1960 at 8:00 P.M.

"The Members of the Corporation, who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before the meeting of the Corporation, shall be all Lay, Baptized, and Confirmed persons of the age of Twenty-one years or upwards, who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual Place of Public Worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the Corporation during each of the two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: Mr. William J. Conner, Mr. Robert Kidd, Mr. C. Leonard Williams.

EASTER OFFERING

The enclosed envelope is for your Easter Offering. This offering is used by the Vestry for current expenses.

"He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:6,7.

THE PARISH REGISTER

November 11, 1959 to March 11, 1960

BAPTISMS: Christine Lynne Wetzel, Brenda Virginia Newnam, Robin Scott Hendry, Russell Warren Frew, James Edward Ohr, Manina Ann Cordisio, Carol Lee Julian, Raymond William Davidson, Malinda Kate Cody, Donna Marie McAllister, Mary Ann Carlberg, John Thomas Perry, Linda Lou Love, Cynthia Irene Barnes, Dorothy Jean Chester, Doretta Jean Dreyer, Victoria Lynn Schreiber, Mary Margaret Gibson, Lynne Phyllis Murray.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATION: Sanford LaMartine Mead, Jr. was Confirmed on November 15, 1959 at the Church of the Atonement for St. James.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit".

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Mrs. Florence Lane from St. James, Hestonville, Philadelphia; Albert Nonemacher and Mrs. Barbara Reeves Nonemacher from St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Mrs. Jane Jones Methvin to Christ Church, Ridley Park, Pa.; Charles Chambers Smith and Mrs. Elizabeth Sarah McClung Smith to Church of the Atonement, Morton, Del. Co., Pa.; James Henry Rhine, Jr. and Mrs. Jane R. Rhine to St. Paul's, Doylestown, Pa.; Mrs. Anna Seiberling Montrezza and Donna Anita Montrezza to St. Edward the Confessor, San Jose, California; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Montgomery Wallace to St. John's, Indianapolis, Indiana.

MARRIAGES: Alfred Mervin Stump and Emily Marion Schmehl; Robert Edward Jones and Patricia Ann Ward; John Frederick Bock and Charlotte Elizabeth McMenamin; David Louis Norris and Nancy Jean Moore; William H. Simpson and Dorothy May McCandless.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Patricia J. Dunlevy, John Murray Lafferty, S. Maud Beith, Elizabeth A. Perna, William J. Worrell, Mary L. Hunter, Milton Nelson, Edna G. Schaffer, Elizabeth C. Warden, Calvin C. Lied, John B. Shotts, Walter B. Whiteside, Louise Marher, Joseph K. Yocum, Marion Giberson, Harry F. Albee, Sr., James T. Roulston, William R. Jaeger, Edward Weida, Benjamin Denney, Maude Rementer, Charles M. Oberlander, Clara Russell, William Walker, Gladwyn Emma Sherry.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

Mr. Norman Faramelli

It is likely that before the Summer copy of the Parish-family Letter is in your hands our Seminarian-assistant will have graduated at the Divinity School and accepted an appointment elsewhere. Mr. Faramelli has rendered conspicuous service at St. James. All who have sat in his class have come to respect him as a well-informed and able instructor; and to admire and love him as a Christian. We at St. James are proud to have had him as one of our congregation, and the while we pray for him and his family we are assured that he will render notable service as a clergyman in the Church.

Evening Celebration of the Holy Communion

We are having a celebration of the Holy Communion on the first Sunday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock. This Service is arranged for those who find it impossible, or very inconvenient, to attend the morning celebrations.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

On Thursday April 14th we shall be receiving your clean, used clothing for Church World Service. The hours are 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. when members of the Women's Auxiliary will be in the Sparks Memorial Building to prepare the clothing for shipment to New Windsor, Maryland. As you go through your wardrobe please lay aside your unwanted garments for this project.

Mrs. Gilbert is eager to thank all of her friends who personally or through their organizations remembered her with various expressions of solicitude during her recent illness. Certainly every card and gift was a source of joy and encouragement.

We are still seeking more members, and especially male voices for the Choir. Interested persons may speak to Miss Bixler at the console following any Service. (or give your name and address to an Usher.)

A PARISH FILM LIBRARY

We are eager to have a collection of 35 M.M. film slides relating to St. James activities. If any of you have such slides, preferably in color, will you notify Mr. Evan J. Tibbott, 6708 Woodland Ave. It will be of great interest to have a series of pictures showing St. James in action: the Sunday School picnic; the Lucia Fest; a Wedding party; et cetera.

Chancel-size Prayer Books

These copies of the Book of Common Prayer are in the Book Case in the Church vestibule. They are being sold at \$2.25 each and the profit therefrom is devoted to the needs of the Library at the Divinity School.

1960 Hood Conference

The Annual Conference at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland will be held June 12-18, 1960. The Theme "The Parish Comes Alive." Interested parishioners may speak to Miss Jenks or the Rector.

Clergyman Gives Away Inheritance

Hull, England - The Rev. Thomas Willis, Anglican priest, recently gave a \$28,000 inheritance to church institutions.

The 28-year-old clergyman said that he did not want the money to come between him and his parishioners, who are mostly industrial workers.

Mr. Willis' weekly salary is \$21.00 in U.S. currency, plus housing.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
SUMMER 1960
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

A few weeks ago the public press reported an address wherein the speaker appealed to the large audience of club-women to lead the way back to "spiritual living." We rejoiced in the thought, especially since it was directed to a multitude of persons gathered for a secular program.

What is spiritual living? It is an attitude that recognizes the Holy God as the Author and Sustainer of all life, and that relates our own lives purposefully to God. And how do we as Christians relate our own lives purposefully to God? By loving Him, and by expressing that love in terms of concern for our fellow-men. And further, to use the ideas of our Church Offices of Instruction: by following Christ, by worshipping God every Sunday in His Church, by working and praying and giving for the spread of His Kingdom.

The spiritual life is not lolling in some strange mystical experiences; it isn't just keeping the golden rule with no further concern about God or man; it isn't just saying one's prayers every day with no interest in the affairs of God's Church. (Some of the most selfish and self-centered people we know inform us that they pray every day).

The spiritual life is a life of studying God's revelation, and seeking ever to live in accord with God's Purposes. It is a kind of adventure wherein we live, day by day, grateful for the privilege, eager to do God's will, and finding our joy in a life of service and Commitment.

I know I have not said enough. My intent in these few paragraphs is simply to help myself, and all of us, get a few ideas clearly in our minds as we ponder the question, "What is Spiritual Living?"

My earnest hope for a refreshing and pleasant Summer.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER
March 12 to June 10, 1960

BAPTISMS: Henry Howard Weidman 3rd.; Linda Elizabeth Shaffer; James Edward Humphreys; Janice Marie Hall; Diane Elizabeth Hall; Dorothy Ruth Hall; Patricia Ann Hall; Joan Elaine Hall; Christian Wayne Francis; Russell Placeda de Furia; Kim Ann Hemphill; Howard Frank Warner, Jr.; Deborah Lynn Tripler; Daniel Albert Tripler. The following were baptized conditionally: Caroline Rose Scott Terne; Lillian Grace Wisely; Robert George May; Edna May Kelly May; William Harold Simpson.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Margaret Louise Atkins; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Boone; Carol Ann Buddy; Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Custer Byrnes; John George Connell; Kenneth John Crowsers; Clyde Lyle Davis, Jr.; Mrs. Beatrice Burnett Gormand; Mrs. Jeanette McCullough Harper; John Emory Harvey; Carol Ann Hastings; Carolyn Ann Hosbach; Harry Jones; Mrs. Mabel Mac Muir Jones; William Joseph Kerwood; Elaine Roberta Lock; Mrs. Edna Mae Kelly May; Robert George May; Charles James McClure; James Henry Harrison Marvel, Jr.; Carol Anne Mertz; Mrs. Mae Ethelene Sterling Palmer; Donna Elaine Passarella; Dorothy Irma Passarella; Jonathan Gary Paulson; William Vinten Phelps; Jeanne Myrtle Saxton; Mrs. Shirley Ann Francis Schmehl; William Harold Simpson; Alfred Nervin Stump; Mrs. Caroline Rose Scott Terne; Lillian Grace Wisely; Kathie Joan Young. The following was received into the Episcopal Church: Donald John Biniasz.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: John Henry and Mrs. Esther Coburn Henry from the Church of the Atonement, 47th and Kingsessing, Philadelphia; Mrs. Margaret Morrison Davis Keffer, Mrs. Elizabeth McCaughern McCreary and Mrs. Cordelia Perry Porter from St. James', 22nd and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia; Mrs. Katharine Everly Young and John Julian Young, Jr., from St. John's Church, Wayne, Michigan; Mrs. Catherine Frances Leaby Redmond from All Saints Church, Rhawnhurst, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another"

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Barbara Ann Murray to St. Mark's, Frankford, Philadelphia; Mrs. Marie Gramer Schwartz to St. Peter's Church, Norfolk, Virginia; Mrs. Margaret Murphy Johnson to St. Alban's, Newtown Square, Pa.; Joseph R. Blue to St. Anne's, Jacksonville, North Carolina.

MARRIAGES: Roy Cobb, Jr., and Carol Louise Swartz; Louis George Plemenos and Constance Edna Esbin.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: William H. Cooper; John J. Buccilli, Jr., Sidonis Aprile, John M. Wolfe, William Holt, Archibald Thomas Watt, Mary E. Smith, Robert B. Ghenn, Elwood T. Saunders, Frank B. Hartman, Anna V. Moir, William S. Humes.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God".

THE SPARKS RENOVATION FUND

Thus far the Vestry has had to spend somewhat over \$40,000.00 on renovating the Sparks Building. We had not expected the costs to exceed \$30,000.00. However, every radiator in the building had to be replaced. Old electrical work had to be taken out and new wiring installed. These are items that had to be attended to even if no other alterations had been made.

About 225 persons have pledged \$15,000.00 toward the project. The present pledges carry through August 1961. The Committee will shortly send an appeal to all who have not made either a contribution or pledge. If and when you receive such a letter kindly respond by mailing or bringing your pledge to the Church. That will save the necessity of someone having to call upon you in person. How many Church people will sit at home and let fellow parishioners go out on solicitation campaigns! Usually those who do such soliciting are busy people. Fortunately, they are people who have a deep love for God and His Church in their hearts and they are, therefore, willing to spend themselves in His Service. But let us spare these willing workers. Please, don't wait for a visitor to call on you. You take your pledge to a Service of Divine Worship, and place it as an offering of love in the collection plate.

THE RECTOR'S HOLIDAY

During the Rector's leave for a holiday the Rev'd. Melvin M. Heckler, 118 Chestnut Parkway, Gargen City, Chester, Pa. (TREMONT 2-1442) will assume pastoral responsibilities and officiate at the 8:15 and 11 o'clock Services on Sundays.

Persons desiring the services of a clergyman or having business to transact with the Church may dial the Rectory number (SA 9-8290). The call will be directed to Miss Mary Schmehl, 2231 S. Shields Street (SA 9-3996).

NOTES: On the first Sunday evening of each month there is a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Church. During the Summer these celebrations will be omitted. The next "evening celebration" will be on Sunday October 2nd at 7:30 P.M.

Summer Services are at the usual hours: 8:15; 9:30; 11:00 A.M.

The Sunday School Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20th at Clementon Park, New Jersey. Information sheets will be circulated nearer the date. All members of the parish are invited to attend. A nominal charge is made for persons other than members of the Sunday School who use the bus for transportation.

Mr. Kurt Schellkopf, Seminarian Assistant, will be responsible for the Family Service each Sunday.

The Finance Committee will greatly appreciate your keeping your weekly envelopes up-to-date.

A copy of the Parish-Family Letter is sent to every married couple in our congregation, and to every other confirmed member. At the last mailing in the Spring 934 letters were taken to the post office!

Every year the Fire Department deutes two men to make an inspection of the Church and Parish House as part of a Fire Prevention program. There are six categories covering sixty five items. For several years we have received a report free of any criticisms. This speaks well for our sextons who endeavor to do a good house-keeping job.

Confirmation Classes will be organized during the Fall. Interested persons should be planning to enroll.

It is our intention to celebrate the Holy Communion on the Eve of certain Holy Days. This will enable many parishioners to receive the Sacrament at an hour convenient to their daily schedule. (The Eve of Ascension Day and the Eve of All Saints Day are examples of festivals when we shall have the Celebration.)

THE ALTAR CHAPTER

This group of women, a Chapter within the Chancel Guild, care for the Altar and Sanctuary. They prepare the vessels for the Holy Communion, launder the linens, place the proper paraments on the Pulpit Desk, Lectern, et cetera for all services.

We need more members for this Chapter. Who will volunteer? Speak to the Rector, or to Mrs. Pearl Cobb, 6173 Yocum Street (SA 9-6191).

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

It is not too early to check this date on your Calendar: October 2nd. Celebrations at 8:15; 9:30; 11:00 A.M. (There is also the Celebration at 7:30 P.M. for those whose routine prevents their coming to one of the morning services.)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

This organization of young people of Junior High School age and older meet each Sunday evening during the Winter. Meetings commence at 7:00 o'clock. The programs include various activities: Worship, Fellowship, Service and Study.

We are depending on parents to encourage their children to attend. It is in the Church that they should be making their lasting friendships. So often parents complain about their older children going with "rough" young people; or they are getting romantic over someone of another faith, and that causes complications! One way to help avoid such situations is by sending the youngsters to their parish Church on Sunday evening.

USED CLOTHING

Will you keep always in mind the need for clean and usable clothing against the collection for Church World Service. Every Spring and Fall we make an appeal for such. Kindly let cast-offs accumulate until we announce the date each season.

FROM THE COMMUNION ALMS

During recent years three persons associated with St. James Church (one a Communicant) have been patients at the Sacred Heart Free Home 1315 W. Hunting Park Avenue. The requirements for entrance to this home are that one be suffering from a malignant disease; the other is that one be without resources to pay one's way elsewhere.

We think that the Sisters of this Order make a most noble sacrifice in devoting their lives to caring for afflicted, needy people. Recently the Rector sent this Home a contribution from the Communion Alms fund. The letter of acknowledgment follows:

"We are very grateful for the check of \$25.00 which we received from you recently as a contribution from the Communion Alms of your Parishioners.

This gift is most welcome and very helpful to us in providing for the Patients in our Home. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it and the kindness toward God's beloved sufferers manifested by those who made the contribution possible.

Remembering you and your parishioners in our prayers and asking God to bless you and all our friends of St. James Church of Kingessing, we are Gratefully yours,

Servants of Relief
for Incurable Cancer
Sr. M. Annunciata, P.

The following is taken from the Bulletin of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Providence, Rhode Island. "Apparently the Protestants are not the only ones who have difficulty raising funds for Church support. Writing in "Our Sunday Visitor" (Roman Catholic paper) January 3, 1960, the Rev. Richard Ginder reports: 'Not half our people are regular contributors. Our pastors have a rule of thumb stating that one-third of a parish keeps the parish. They are the 'old reliables.' The other two-thirds chip in occasionally, but they do not guarantee the steady income needed to meet a payroll and settle the utility bills.' We should think that those figures apply to Episcopalians and to most Protestants as well, or very largely so. Some give with real pleasure, others as a duty, some if coaxed or urged, and some hate to give at all. Human nature is the same whether people are Roman Catholics, or Anglicans or Protestants."

BIBLE TELEVISION COURSE

"Introduction to the Old Testament" is a televised course which you may take for college credit. If you are interested see the information sheet on the Church Bulletin Board (or telephone LO 3-7854).

God without man is still God
Man without God is nothing

Give your life to God, He can do
more with it, than you ever could.

O God our Father, I accept Thy great Gift of Love -
help me to pass it on - for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
DECEMBER 1960
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

In an important book on "The Holy Spirit and Modern Thought," The Rev'd Lindsay Dewar refers to the "esprit de corps" of the early Christians. These people had a sense of brotherhood, and also the realization of the "presence of the Holy Spirit, who was the power uniting them closely together." But gradually this sentiment was weakened. One of the causes, says Dr. Dewar, was the building of 'Churches' in the form of bricks and mortar. "This led in course of time to the transferring of the word 'church' from human beings to buildings, and it became easy for people to forget that the Church is, and must always consist of, human beings. Thus the idea of 'going to church' subtly undermined in people's minds the idea of 'being the church.'

What a vicious thing this is among us today. So few of us realize that we, you and I, the believers, are the Body of Christ, the Church. As is fitting and necessary for our religious life, on the Lord's Day, and other days, we go to a building (a church building) to offer our worship. We, the church, offer worship to the Blessed Trinity. If we fail in this Divine Service then we are not really being the Church.

May all of us take of our time to think about this matter: I and my fellow Christians, we are the Church. And we must do nothing, or leave anything undone, that will in any way weaken or cause hardship to the Church of God.

With earnest wishes for a Blessed and festive Christmas, I remain

Your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

Members of the Men's Club will again be selling Christmas Trees at the 68th Street and Woodland Avenue entrance to the Churchyard. The exact dates will presently be announced in the Sunday programs. Won't you consider encouraging St. James men by purchasing your tree from them.

The Calendar for the Advent and Christmas Seasons is as follows:

Sunday, December 11th - 7:45 P.M. "Lucia Fest" a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann. Following the Service in the Church, Coffee and Coffee Cake will be served in the Parish House.

Sunday, December 18th - 9:30 A.M. Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School. Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering.
7:45 P.M. The Annual Service "Carols by Candlelight"

Saturday, December 24th
11:00 P.M. The Holy Communion

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day
8:15 A.M. The Holy Communion
9:30 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Holy Communion and Sermon

Tuesday, December 27th 7:30 P.M. Sunday School Christmas Party for the entire school - Nursery and all classes.

Sunday, January 1st (New Year's Day)
8:15 A.M. Holy Communion
9:30 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Holy Communion and Sermon

THE CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

You have noted in the above calendar that we shall have a Mid-night Celebration of the Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. The Service will start at 11 o'clock. After a half hour of Carol and Hymn singing the Holy Communion will follow. This Mid-night Eucharist is a traditional Christmas Service in the Church and we anticipate great interest among the parishioners of St. James. We should remind all that it is always an occasion of great solemnity, and requires of us the same serious preparation that obtains for any other Communion Service.

THE PARISH REGISTER
June 11 to November 10, 1960.

BAPTISMS: John Charles Berkeyheiser, III, Paul Alan Paulson, Semiramis Paulson, Howard Alexander Tustin, Jr., Jeannette Alice Tustin, Leigh Ann Hunter, Linda Lee Leavitt, Florence Elizabeth Leavitt, Susan Katharine Evans, Sandra Lee Fithian, James George Reed, Jr., Robert William Henry, James Christian Gilbert, (at All Saints Church, Austin, Texas), John Edward Foley, Mark Lawrence Grimes, Patricia Ann Grogan, Darren Wayne Horn, Robert George Kopp, Robert Alan Evans, Tamara Linn Miller (Clinical Baptism), Debbie Sue Greeman, David William Filson, Elizabeth Louise Kissling, Elizabeth Jane Warner, Carl Joseph Dreyer, Warren Thomas Franklin, Marie Frances Franklin, Francis Thomas Franklin, Michael Edward Franklin, Robin Lee Monahan, Jonathan Lock.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Elaine W. Robinson from Christ Church, Ridley Park, Pennsylvania.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Barbara Jane Watts and Judith Rae Watts to Grace Church, Haddonfield, New Jersey;

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: (continued) Clarence E. Davis and Mrs. Doreen Lewis Davis to St. Martins in the Field, Selbyville, Delaware; Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Eppihimer Curtis to the Church of the Holy Spirit, Bellmawr, N.J.; Mrs. Gertrude Cadmus to St. Peter's Church, St. Petersburg, Florida; Robert Earl Delany and Mrs. Eleanor Rebecca Ferris Delany to Church of the Atonement, Morton, Penna.; Mrs. Irene Cook Fitzgibbon to All Saints, Wenonah, New Jersey; Mrs. Maybelle Christie Keene to Trinity Church, Nevada City, California; Mrs. Jean Elizabeth Zelle and Louis Edward Zelle to St. Paul's Memorial Church, Oaks, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Doris Lillian Richmond Gratz to Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia, Penna.; Mrs. Joan Bulley Wilson to Church of the Atonement, Morton, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Donald Alfred Gratz and Doris Lillian Richmond; Clyde Lyle Davis, Jr. and Kathryn Elizabeth Dugan; James Eliwood Zook and Virginia Ann Morrissey; Paul Alvin Rowlings and Kathryn Margaret Sullivan; George Edward Schureman and Eleanor Elizabeth Wilson; Henry J. Powell and Lois Margaret Needham.

"Whom God hath joined together"

BURIALS: Lewis Taylor, Margaret Baltz, John W. Leidy, Guy Clement Quick, Frank Hollingsworth, Irene Hahn, Frederick W. Miller, Henry Jacobsen, Emma Elizabeth Toyer, George Wallace Bayes, John H. Lloyd, Thomas H. Buck, Reese D. Glass, Harry C. Miller, Harry J. Leary, Marion P. Arie, George W. Albee, Sr., Josephine A. Mallory, Mary E. Boyd, Francis E. Davis, Elsie Mae Vance, David C. Norbeck, Blanche W. Hagan, Ada R. Tangye, Tamara Linn Miller, May Blue, Ruth Doris Jones, Henry J. Martin, Robert C. Malone, Howard E. Payne.

"May their rest be in peace, and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas Offering. This offering is used by the Vestry for the current expenses account and, therefore, helps us meet the various bills incurred in the operation of St. James Church.

While we are on the subject of your offering to the Church we would quote a few statements from "A Psychiatrist's World" by Karl Menninger, M.D. (Viking Press) "Money giving is a very good criterion, in a way, of a person's mental health. Generous people are rarely mentally ill people.--Stinginess is an illness.--The more generous people are, the more mentally healthy."

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Acts 20:35.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

We are not having a solicitation of all parishioners this year. The Vestry is depending on those who have made pledges and are using the weekly envelopes to continue at least their usual contribution.

Letters have been sent to about 150 persons who do not use the weekly envelopes asking them to accept a packet for 1961, and to make a regular contribution.

For the convenience of any persons who may desire to use it, a card is enclosed, kindly fill in the card and place in the offering plate, or mail to the Rectory.

THE SPARKS BUILDING RENOVATION

The Committee on this project at this time is making no plans for the alterations needed on the first floor and in the auditorium. The financial problem was explained in the 1960 Summer Letter, and the situation has not changed. By the Summer of 1961 we hope to have the bank loans paid, and then make plans for continuing the repair and modernization of our parish house.

Evening Celebration of the Holy Communion

Most of you are aware of our having a Celebration of the Holy Communion on the first Sunday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock. Certainly those who attend experience a quality of worship that only the quiet solemnity of the night can bring.

The Service is arranged primarily for those whose duties prevent their coming to the morning celebrations of the Holy Communion. Of course, all confirmed persons are privileged to participate.

The following notice is taken from a recent copy of The Weekly Bulletin, The Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia:

SEMINARIAN ASSISTS CLERGY AT HOLY TRINITY

Mr. Rudolph Moore, a member of the Middle Class at the Philadelphia Divinity School, is the seminarian assistant at Holy Trinity this year. He will assist Mr. Lee in the Church School, and after the 11 o'clock services on Sunday you will find him greeting people at one of the side aisle entrances of the Church. Mr. Moore's primary purpose in being at Holy Trinity is to gain an introduction and some experience in the pastoral and parochial ministry. Mr. Moore is a native Philadelphian, a candidate for Holy Orders from St. James Kingessing, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

HEATING THE SPARKS BUILDING

All organizations other than those affiliated with, or sponsored by, the Parish desiring to use the Parish House will be required to make a contribution toward the heating of the building, (provided that it is necessary to operate the heating system). The minimum amount required shall be set from time to time by the Vestry.

In case of organizations having no source of revenue, and when their program admits of no income, at the discretion of the Rector and the Rector's Warden, this charge may be remitted.

Parish organizations using the building at frequent intervals for profitable affairs will be expected to make a fair contribution toward the heating costs.

As of this date the minimum charge for having any section of the building heated for any part of the day will be ten dollars. Organizations using several rooms, or the auditorium, for a considerable period of any day and evening will be required to make a greater contribution to be determined beforehand by the Rector with the advice and consent of the Rector's Warden, or of the Accounting Warden.

Until this year St. James has always been most hospitable in the use of the Sparks Building. The new heating system using gas for fuel, has caused a considerable increase in the expense. Hence this action of the Vestry.

THE BELL ROPE

During the Summer the bell rope broke and we were without our accustomed summons to worship. Members of the family of the late John Schmehl, who for many years was the Sexton at St. James, report that, that particular rope had been attached about forty years ago. The new rope was ready for service on August 24th. Forty years of service for it will be the year 2000 A.D.!

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1961
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

It is a commonplace in our generation to hear or read about Communism as the deadly enemy of Christianity and the Church. Certainly Christianity has no organized foe so militant and threatening as Marxist Communism. But this Russian bogey is not our only foe. And here in the United States it is probably one of our lesser adversaries.

Among us in this fair land there are many movements, attitudes and activities that affect and threaten the health of our people. Not the least of them is democracy itself. Democracy is a great and admirable concept. It offers cheering hope for our race provided the people who have such power vested in them recognize their ethical and moral responsibilities.

Unfortunately the Democratic philosophy and system of government create distorted ideas in the minds of many citizens. So many people get the notion that because the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution say, or imply, that men are free and equal, therefore every citizen is just as virtuous and worthy as any other citizen. Many of our fellow citizens assume that they are important and righteous people because the law upholds the worth of each citizen. Pride and Presumption ride very high among us. Hence the Church, when it calls upon men for penitence, humility, and self-sacrifice, meets strong and stubborn mental and emotional barriers.

Our Lord calls men to a quality and way of Life that is different from that of popular desire. We, as His people, must consistently live His Way of Life, manifesting every Christian virtue. Herein are we strong with God. Hereby we may be able to win the worldly to know God and His Peace.

Furthermore, we think that a Democratic people who cherish Christian virtues will prove to be the political salvation of the peoples of this Earth.

May your Easter be a time of renewed and deepened Faith, Hope and Charity.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER
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BAPTISMS: Victor Arnold Aijala, Craig Elliot Willoughby, Joan May Sylvester, John William Kaufman, Mark Allen Kirschner, Lisa Marie Waldov, Debra Ann Callo, Michael Bannon, Robert Martin Pierson, Jeanene Adair Amoroso, Carol Louise Cobb, Patricia Ann Goldhahn, Scott Ernest Elliott, Leslie Ann Buck, Joseph Buck Christie, James Steven Gibson.

The following was baptized conditionally: Julia Elizabeth Casey Brennan.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Anthony Joseph Mattes and Helen Joann Day Mattes (in the Bishop's Chapel, Church House, 202 W. Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia)

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Frank Campleman, Julia Campleman, Mrs. Mary Gledhill, Mrs. Ruth Graham, Mrs. Edith Rechner, George Rechner, Elizabeth Rechner, Mrs. Rebecca Evans, Louis Stouth from St. Titus Church, Philadelphia, Pa. James Roellig from the Church of the Atonement.

"We have fellowship one with another"

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Emma Blair to St. Stephen's, Florence, New Jersey; Mrs. Anna Montgomery Wade to St. Peter's, Brentwood, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Donald George Pagan and Elaine Roberta Lock; Oliver Francis Rhine and Florence Mae Conner; Victor Arnold Aijala and Judith Rae Watts.

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BURIALS: Elizabeth I. Mellon, Mary E. Ingram, Richard McCarthy Wilson, William T. Moore, Agnes V. Dardine, Frank Orrell, Jr., James E. Kilpatrick, William A. Seiberling, Ruth Rudling Brown, Nicholas R. Romano, Arthur James Manderfield, Joseph W. Haenn, Malcolm T. Thomas.

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CONFIRMATION

The Rt. Rev'd. J. Gillespie Armstrong, Bishop Co-adjutor of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, will visit St. James on Sunday April 16th at 4:00 P.M. for the Order of Confirmation. (All members of the Class will meet in the Church on Sunday April 9th at 4:00 P.M. for their final instruction.)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 26th

8:15 A.M.
9:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

Holy Communion
Family Service and Sunday School
Morning Prayer and Sermon
(Distribution of Palms at each Service)

Maundy Thursday

7:45 P.M.

Holy Communion

Good Friday

11:45 A.M.

Children's Service

12:15 - 1:45 P.M.

Meditations on the Passion

1:45 - 3:00 P.M.

Shaw's - "The Redeemer"

Easter Even (Saturday)

4:00 P.M.

Holy Baptism

EASTER DAY

6:30 A.M.

Holy Communion

8:00 A.M.

Holy Communion (Choral)

9:30 A.M.

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11:00 A.M.

Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon

(Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day)

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Evening Celebration of the Holy Communion

We are having a celebration of the Holy Communion on the first Sunday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock October to May. This Service is arranged for those who find it impossible, or very inconvenient, to attend the morning celebrations.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th Street and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, April 3, 1961 at 8:00 P.M.

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Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: James Colsher, Gordon W. Gabell, and Harry C. Rippel.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

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PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

Every Sunday at the early Celebration of the Holy Communion we remember the departed in our Altar Prayers. Also at certain Festivals, especially Christmas and Easter, a prayer is offered for those who have gone to the greater life. We do believe that when members of St. James ask that certain persons be remembered in these Altar prayers such members should be on hand to join in the intercession. That is part of our intention in offering opportunity for such prayers. Certainly we ought not to leave the praying for our departed loved ones and friends to the Clergy and Congregation who are worshipping at that particular time!

"THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER"

Beginning on Ash Wednesday we had a very successful parish mission conducted by the Rev'd. William R. D. Turkington, (Order of the Holy Cross). At the four evening Services the attendance totalled 848 persons. On Sunday morning there were 484 at the three Church Services. This evidence of interest among our parishioners is very encouraging. We know that all who came had an inspiring and comforting experience.

Father Turkington leaves during the Spring for Liberia where he will supervise the Order of the Holy Cross Mission Station: a large school, a hospital, and a leper colony. We have asked Father Turkington to plan to visit us after his return to this country in 1962. We shall eagerly hear what he has to report about his work in Africa.

THE BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE

Commencing August 20th Billy Graham will be in Philadelphia for a "Crusade." We consider this a commendable Mission, and trust that many will attend. As Episcopalians we do not share many ideas and practices of the Evangelical Churches. But we do believe that God works through these agencies. And certainly Mr. Graham conducts his Services with a commendable sense of dignity and reverence. Mr. Graham's messages and methods are quite different from the sort of program and preaching that we formerly associated with "evangelists."

A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCES

We have often considered placing a Book of Remembrances in the Church for inscribing the names of the departed. People who desired to do so might make a contribution to a parish fund instead of sending flowers at the time of the burial of a friend or loved one.

Our need is for someone in the Congregation to be responsible for the necessary clerical work. Any one interested will kindly speak to Miss Jenks or to the Rector.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
SUMMER 1961
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

A friend and former teacher, a College Professor, once said to me, "Most of the Sermons I have heard have been good, but they have not been good for anything." Of course, one could have retorted the same thing about many lectures that College Professors deliver. Sermons may be informative; some are intended to inspire, or comfort, or elicit a definite response in terms of contributing to a certain worthy cause, or of new or deeper commitment to God. Sermons should help one to appreciate the vocabulary of the Church: what is the meaning of such words as repentance, grace, forgiveness, sacrament, eternal life, et cetera, and what the experiences are that give these words significance.

One of the purposes of Sermons is to impel the worshipper to soul-searching. All of us under the influence of Christian preachers should be knowing the experience of evaluating our own motives and conduct, of examining our whole life as Children of God. Our reading of the New Testament especially, and our seeking the Holy Spirit's penetrating guidance, will bring us to the insight and understanding and spiritual strength that we need. If this is not happening within our lives then we are missing the mark as Christians.

I think my Professor friend was wrong in his remark. I am sure that he was failing grievously to understand why the Church places such emphasis on the proclaiming of the Gospel: its invitation, its promises, its benefits, and its comfort. May each of us always weigh seriously the words of the Christian Preacher. They are messages of Truth and Life.

Trusting that you are knowing the refreshment and diversion of a pleasant summer holiday, I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

Our Parish-family letter is late this Season, due primarily to the mail incidental to our Sparks Building Campaign. When you receive the Letter the month of August will have arrived. Another month and we will be swinging into our usual busy schedule. Nearly all organizations resume their regular meetings in September.

THE PARISH REGISTER
February 25 to July 18, 1961

BAPTISMS: Leslie Ann Buck, Joseph Buck Christie, Veronica Ellen Jones, Michael Hemple, Susan Ruth Harvey, Jacklyn Holly Wise, Thomas Biggard Anthony, Jr., Michael Steven Ulrich, Eva Marie Chattin, Thomas Chattin, Patricia Gwendlyon Madison, Allan Albert Boylan, Christine Elizabeth Northwood, Linda Ann Wilson, James Richardson Gardner, Debbie Sue Peck, Donna Lee Peck, Christine Louise Mull, William Gene Plemenos, Joseph Christopher Schmehl, Donna Marie Fink, Regenia Sue Todd, Debra Marie Parker, Leonard Allen Lavalley, Gregory Lawrence Lavalley, Neva Fern Gilbert, Alice Mary Schmoll, David Wayne, Berkeyheiser, Dorothy Eleanor James, Margaret Diane Rechner, William Schaaf, III, William Donald Tustin, Jr.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Rodney William Adams, Isabel Violet Bickel, Julia Elizabeth Brennan, Michael Joseph Brennan, Carol Ann Eschbach, Robert Alan Evans, William Frederick Everetts, Barbara Jean Frame, Francis Thomas Franklin, Robert Joseph Gavenas, Calvin Joseph Harvey, Janet Ellen Hoch, Marlene Ruth Hoch, Linda Elaine Lewis, Gail Dorothea Link, William George Loudon, Eileen Kay McSherry, Isabel Violet Mills, Dolores Marie Owens, John Charles Paylor, Gregory Reed, Carol Lee Sainsbury, Joseph Herbert Sayers, Rosellyn June Saxton, Bruce Roland Smith, Virginia Louise Warner, Diane Joan Weidman, Russell Sturges Williamson, Jr. The following were received into the Episcopal Church: Marcella Evelyn Rudewick Boylan, Betty Mae Loudon, Jesse Boyd Pagan.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Carl Rechner, George K. Long, Lillian M. Long, Eileen E. Long, Mildred Boyd, Harry Link, Eleanor Link, Frederick Link, Frances Sullivan Link, Raymond Didinger, Margaret Didinger, Margaret Esher from St. Titus Church, Philadelphia; Edna Newbury Myers from St. John's, Camden, N.J.; Margaret Fitzwater from The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, 27th & Wharton Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Margaret Schaab; Harry Hopkins, Sr. from St. John the Evangelist, Third & Reed Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.; Vincent A. and Mrs. Grisafi from St. Marks Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: John Beattie, Sr., and John Beattie, Jr. to Church of the Holy Sacrament, Highland Park, Upper Darby, Pa.; Samuel E. Goldhahn and Florence Goldhahn to Christ Church, Ridley Park, Pa.; Judith Rae Watts Aijala to Trinity Church, Indianapolis, Indiana; William Kidd Lucy to St. James, Green Ridge, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Joseph Arthur Fulmer and Patricia Gwendlyon Madison; Robert Alan Evans and Sarah Myra Rhine; Frank Clark Miller, Jr. and Mary Frances Bye; James Mendez DeAcereto and Joan Hannah Cassidy; Norman David Jones and Ethel Cleo Stassinis.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Helen L. Beith, Beatrice M. Kwartnik, Albert L. Hoeffcker, James C. Powers, Vera Richie, Mary E. Higson, Florence I. Laird, William R. Irwin, John S. Thorp, Evan J. Tibbott, Jr., Rosa Lehmann, Louisa Parks, Robert M. Mumford, Sr., Frank McClintock, Sr., Margaret Lafferty, Michael Sosnowicz, James E. Gilbert, Joseph Christopher Schmehl, Elizabeth B. Doggett, Albert F. Fisher, Charles T. Petersen, Frank D. Mullen, Rose A. Sidebotham, Laura I. McClintock, Ella M. Link, Howard A. McCullough.

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The Rector appointed Mr. Fred Davidson, 7391 Elmwood Avenue, to be Chairman of the 200th Anniversary Committee. The following article is Mr. Davidson's preliminary report.

"Your Committee for celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the erection of St. James' Church has planned various services and programs to cover the entire year. The major events are these - December 31st. Social Hour and Watchnight Service of Worship "To Begin the third century". Sunday, February 18th, 4:00 p.m. a Patriotic Service for the Community.

Sunday, May 13th, 11:00 a.m. Swedish Colonial Society service of Thanksgiving.
Sunday, August 5th, 4:00 p.m. Anniversary of the Laying of the Cornerstone.
Thursday, October 18th. 7:45 p.m. Convocation of West Philadelphia. The Rev'd. John Craig Roak, D.D.
Saturday, November 3rd, 7:00 p.m. Parish Banquet.
Many other affairs are in the formative state.
The Chairman would especially appreciate the offer of your help. We need typists, handymen and others willing to assist in various ways. (Telephone SA 6-2844 or SA7-5265)"

THE SPARKS BUILDING CAMPAIGN

The Campaign to underwrite the \$ 18,735.00 indebtedness against the Sparks Building is progressing encouragingly. Many persons have turned in their pledge cards reducing thereby the number of calls that our loyal visitors have to make.

As of this date (July 18th) the number of pledges and contributions received is 81 and the amount is \$7,700.00.

In our effort to be considerate of our people's ability to contribute we have planned not to make a personal solicitation of any person who is dependent on a pension for his or her maintenance. Such persons may desire to make an offering and, of course, it will be appreciated.

We do appeal to all to give liberally as their means allow. We believe that nearly all of our members appreciate the service their Parish House has been to this Community, as well as the important place it has filled in our parish life. It is our expectation that for many more years it will serve great numbers of people in Southwest Philadelphia.

ST. TITUS

Because of the re-development of the Eastwick Area, St. Titus Church on Tinicum Avenue near 84th Street was condemned and marked for demolition. Nearly all of the members had moved from the immediate area so the Bishop decided to discontinue maintaining Public Worship there. The memorials have, therefore, been removed and placed in storage against the construction of another St. Titus' Church in the new development. Most of the members have transferred to other Episcopal Churches. Many have come to St. James and become part of our fellowship. Some of their names were in the Lenten Letter. Some are in the list of transfers included above in "The Parish Register."

We are mindful of the fact that many had attended St. Titus Church all their lives. We sympathize with them in their loss of a familiar and lovely place of worship. To all we offer the hearty hand of Christian fellowship and, with our welcome, the hope that St. James Church may, to some degree, fill the place that St. Titus had in their lives.

Dates to Note:

- September 10th at 12 Noon, following the Service, Campaign Visitors meet with Mr. Raymond Watts, Chairman.
- September 10th-13th - "International Conference on Spiritual Healing", St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street south of Market.
- September 17th 9:30 A.M. Sunday School Classes resume their sessions (instead of remaining in the Church for the entire hour).
- September 24th - 4:00 P.M. - St. James Choir, and all who will participate in the Service, at the Cathedral in Roxborough.
- October 1st: World-wide Communion Sunday. Celebrations at 8:15; 9:30; 11:00 A.M.; 7:30 P.M.

MEN IN SERVICE

Mr. Robert M. Smith, Superintendent of the Sunday School, periodically writes to the members of St. James who are in the Military Service. If you know of any such members kindly let us have their name and address (both home and military address).

THE REV'D. WILLIAM R. D. TURKINGTON, O.H.C.

Father Turkington who conducted the Mission during Lent sent a picture card from London during June. He was leaving for his African assignment on June 10th. We look forward to his visiting us again upon his return to the United States.

"My husband and I suddenly realized that our three-year-old was ending the blessing before each meal with a sincere 'Ah-mean-it!'"

The following inscription is on the doorway of St. Mary's Church, Marlborough, England:

"Pause ere thou enter, traveler, and bethink thee
How holy, yet how humble, is this place;
Time that thou spendest here shall link thee
With men unknown who once were of thy race.

This is thy Father's house; to Him address thee,
Whom here His children meet with, face to face.
He at thy coming in, shall bless thee;
Thy going out make joyous with His grace."

Occasionally the question arises of our "Chancing Off" items at parish affairs. We are opposed to any kind of gambling. Furthermore the Convention of this Diocese adopted the following resolution May 1, 1951:

"Whereas the House of Bishops of this Church has condemned gambling in any form as a means of raising money for the support of the church's work.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That this Diocese in Convention assembled does likewise condemn gambling in any form as a means of raising money for the support of the Church's work."

THE CHURCH'S MISSIONARY PROGRAM

All of us have a responsibility to help maintain the work of the Church in areas where it is sorely needed. Canon 45, Section 2a of the Canons of the Episcopal Church reads thus:

"The Minister shall also instruct all persons in their Parishes and Cures concerning all the Missionary work of the Church at home and abroad, and give suitable opportunities for offerings to maintain that work."

All of us through using the red side of the envelopes may contribute to this worthy program of our parish Church.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1962
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

A nationally-circulated and very popular news magazine in its February 16th issue had an interesting and thoughtful article in the "Religion" section captioned "The Tithe that Binds." The story is that of congregations where tithing (the giving of one tenth of one's income to Church and charity) is advocated and practiced. For example, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Wellesley, Massachusetts: the annual budget has increased from \$55,000 to \$132,000. Other examples are given for Churches of various denominations.

There are various references in Holy Writ to the practice. Thus Leviticus 27:30, "And all of the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord."

Some members of St. James Church do tithe their income. More of us should. All of us ought to be prayerfully considering the matter. Surely we do owe to God and His Church much more than we are giving. I lay this matter before every one of you. Let us get our financial affairs right with God.

The article referred to above includes this statement, "Ministers and priests who seek to promote tithing emphasize man's need to give, rather than God's need for cash." Tithing thus becomes an act of worship, expressing the giver's personal commitment to God. Says Dr. John Anschutz of Washington's Christ Episcopal Church, "We emphasize --- the convinced Christian's need to take a serious look at what stewardship really means: it is a definite commitment, a very real investment of one's time, talent and treasure."

May all of us, as we contemplate the joyous experience of Easter, find renewed incentive for contributing to God's Holy Church, and increasing satisfaction in giving.

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Maundy Thursday		
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Good Friday		
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THE PARISH REGISTER
November 13, 1961 to March 23, 1962.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: George J. Piasecki, Sr. from St. Titus Church, Philadelphia; Anna May Leher Rossi from St. John the Evangelist, Third and Reed Streets, Philadelphia.

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TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Virginia Burke Thee to St. James Church, Birmingham, Michigan; Edna Mae Marsh McClintock to the Church of the Atonement, Morton, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Francis James Pascal and Carol Anne Spence; Marvin Fowler Keeney, Jr. and Dorothy Caroline Schwenke.

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THE NEW REGISTER

During this 200th Anniversary Year we will begin to use Volume VIII of the Parish Register. We intend to make new entries as of August 6, 1962 since the cornerstone of the Church was laid on August 6, 1762. The register contains the record of all Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, Burials, and Transfers to and from the Parish. There is also the very important Communicant List. This is the list of names of those confirmed members of the Church who give evidence of active status by regularity in attending Divine Worship and in receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Communion.

As a reminder we re-print the Canon adopted at the General Convention of the Church in Detroit, 1961.

Section 1 - "All persons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and whose Baptism has been duly recorded in this Church, are members thereof.

Section 2 - All such baptized persons who shall for one year preceding have fulfilled the requirements of the Canon, Of the Due Celebration of Sundays, - (All persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, by regular participation in the public worship of the Church, by hearing the Word of God read and taught and by other acts of devotion and works of charity, using all godly and sober conversation - Canon 19): unless for good cause prevented, are members of this Church in good standing.

Section 3 - All such members in good standing who have been confirmed by a bishop of this Church, and who shall have received Holy Communion at least thrice during the next preceding year, are communicants in good standing."

All persons receiving the Holy Communion during this Season are urged to fill in the following and return to the Rector. The form may be placed in the Offering Plate, given to an usher, or mailed to the Church. As the New Communicant list is created only those names will be included who give evidence of fulfilling the requirements of the Church for Communicant status.

NAME
ADDRESS.
DATE ON WHICH I RECEIVED THE HOLY COMMUNION.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BAZAAR AND SUPPER

This important project of the Sunday School will be held on Wednesday, May 9th, 5 - 9 P.M. (Supper 5 -7 PM) If you would contribute fancy goods, baked articles, while elephant miscellany, et cetera kindly notify the Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Robert M. Smith, 79 Barker Avenue, Sharon Hill (Telephone - LU 6-3111) or call the Parish House Office - SA 7-5265.

Do plan to encourage the members of the Sunday School by your patronage.

THE CHURCH HEATER

This stem-heating unit was installed in the Church many years ago. It is worn out and must be replaced. The Vestry Property Committee (Mr. James Colsher, Chairman) has the matter under consideration, and will have a new heater installed during the Summer. The following members of the Vestry are a Committee to consider financing this project: Mr. Edward Hosbach, Chairman; Mr. Edward Flowers, Mr. Harry C. Rippel.

NOTES ABOUT OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY...

More than 200 people attended a social hour followed by Evening Prayer on New Year's Eve to begin St. James Third Century. On Feb. 18th over 300 members of St. James and representatives of various community and civic organizations participated in a Service of Evening Prayer and heard the stirring message of Rev. Harry T. Longley, D.D. St. James was selected as the central host church for the annual George Washington's Birthday Corporate Communion and Breakfast for men and boys on Feb. 24th. The Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit, Bishop of South Florida addressed a group of 110 and his message was carried over Radio Station WRCV. The Lenten Wednesday Evening Services have been well attended and have been conducted by former Seminarian Assistants and former members of the Parish. (Rev. William Truitt, Ronald Conklin, Anthony Mattes, Norman Faramelli and Messrs. Rudolph Moore and Kurt Schellkopf).

Not all parishioners seem to realize that we are eager to have couples use the parish house facilities for wedding receptions. The only charges are for heat and sexton's services. One restriction: no alcoholic beverages.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
ADVENT 1962
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

All of us should be concerned about our knowledge of the Holy Bible. We ought to be doing some systematic reading of God's Word, and especially the New Testament. This Episcopal Church lays great emphasis on Corporate Worship, and particularly on the experience of the Holy Communion. In the Prayer Book Services of Divine Worship there is frequent reading from Holy Writ. There is no Church in Christendom that uses Holy Scripture in her Services any more than the Anglican Communion. The contents of the Book of Common Prayer are either portions of the Holy Bible or are prayers, Creeds and exhortations that incorporate Scriptural passages or ideas.

If we would adequately appreciate our public worship we ought, therefore, to be more familiar with the Book upon which it depends. Its value lies also in its helping us in all the problems of life. Back in 1917 President Woodrow Wilson wrote this:

"The Bible is the word of life. I beg that you will read it and find this out for yourselves - read, not little snatches here and there, but long passages that will really be the road to the heart of it. You will find it not only full of real men and women but also of things you have wondered about and been troubled about all your life, as men have been always; and the more you read the more it will become plain to you what things are worth while and what are not, what things make men happy - loyalty, right dealings, speaking the truth, readiness to give everything for what they think their duty, and, most of all, the wish that they may have the real approval of the Christ, who gave everything for them - and the things that are guaranteed to make men unhappy - selfishness, cowardice, greed, and everything that is low and mean. When you have read the Bible you will know that it is the Word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty."

I trust that this Christmas-tide, inspired by the story of the Holy Nativity, will be for each of you a time of good fellowship and joyous worship.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

Members of the Men's Club will again be selling Christmas Trees at the 68th Street and Woodland Avenue entrance to the Churchyard. The exact dates will presently be announced in the Sunday programs. Won't you consider encouraging St. James men by purchasing your tree from them.

THE PARISH REGISTER
May 28 to November 15, 1962

BAPTISMS: Susan Eleanor Schureman, Victor Michael Colangelo, Susan Marie Bannon, George Edward Schureman, Geraldine Dorothy Belville, Joseph Thomas Belville III, Donna Lynn Chestnut, Leo Martin Grout, Charles Henry Morgan, Maria Lisa McLaughlin, James Steven Henry, Debra Ann Powell, Sandra Lee Smith, Patricia Gwendolyn Fulmer, Jon Daniel Cordisio, James Charles Jones, Sheryl Lynn Monahan, Suzanne Larene Miller, Sharon Ann Boylan, Cynthia Christine Murray, Said Nazem Haidar.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Isabel Wilson Edington from Holy Comforter; Mary K. Wallace Cheadle from St. Luke and the Epiphany; Sarah McCaffrey Hamilton from St. Titus; Walter Daniel Cheadle from St. Mary's, Hamilton Village, Philadelphia; Sarah Cheadle Stevline from Holy Comforter; Mildred Eleanor Moore Ramsey from St. James, Hestonville, Philadelphia.

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TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Marian A. Moore Van Gilder to Church of the Messiah, Gwynedd, Pa.; Florence Lane to Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia; Olga and Charles Spar to St. James, Prospect Park, Pa.; Donald P. Myers and Janet Hughes Myers to St. Jude's Mission, Valparaiso, Florida; Gladys E. Lindsay Wooden to Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Robert William Donaldson, Jr. and Barbara Ann Nelson; Edwin James Gaul and Gail Marion Onimus; Henry George Fulmer and Patricia Anne Theis; James Wilson Cameron, Jr. and Geraldine Mae Watts.

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BURIALS: James R. Clark, Percy C. Chreiman, Richard J. Pyne, William F. Deveney, Beatrice Oldham, Ada B. McKnight, Mary Orem, Paul Mattes, Charles E. Wellington, Sarah L. Brooks, Anna Marie Wilson, Clarence Lucius Avery, Teresa Ann McGurk, Charles Kraft, Emma Buxton, Christopher S. Murphy, Edna L. Kirschner, Alfonso F. Morsello, Clarence King Rambo, Marian Herrity, David Robinson, Cornelia Thompson, Gertrude L. Dean, Emma D. Wyatt, Nicholas Ryken, Cecil W. Cronise, Herbert W. Jenkins, William M. Thompson, Evelyn L. Ayres.

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The Calendar for the Advent and Christmas Seasons is as follows:

Sunday, December 9th - 7:45 P.M.

"Lucia Fest" a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann. Preacher: The Rev'd. Francis P. Davis, Rector, The Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, Pa. Following the Service in the Church, Coffee and Coffee Cake will be served in the Parish House.

Sunday, December 16th - 7:45 P.M.

The Annual Service "Carols by Candlelight"
Preacher: The Rev'd. Rudolph A. Moore

Sunday, December 23rd - 9:30 A.M.

Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School
Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering.

Monday, December 24th- 11:00 P.M. The Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day
8:15 A.M. The Holy Communion
Thursday, December 27th-7:30 P.M. Sunday School Christmas Party for the entire school;
Nursery and all classes.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

This Celebration will be held on Monday the 24th. The Service will start at 11 o'clock with a period of Carol and Hymn singing. The Mid-night Eucharist is a traditional Christmas Service in the Church. We would remind all that it is an occasion of great solemnity, and requires of us the same serious preparation that obtains for any other Communion Service.

On Christmas Day there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:15 A.M.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas Offering. This offering is used by the Vestry for the current expenses account and, therefore, helps us meet the various bills incurred in the operation of St. James Church.

"Ye shall not appear before the Lord empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee."

Deuteronomy XVI: 16,17.

PLEDGE FOR 1963

A card is enclosed for you to indicate your desire for a set of envelopes. All persons who have used the weekly envelopes during 1962 are being re-assigned a set. Any persons not having envelopes may use the card and a packet will be given them.

We ask that you place your card in an offering plate, or mail it to the Church.

THE NEW REGISTER

As of August 5th we started another volume of the Parish Register (volume VIII). This requires an entire new listing of Communicants. In order to facilitate the entry of names we are asking all confirmed persons who have received the Holy Communion during this past year to fill in the enclosed card. Kindly place your card in the offering plate, or mail it to the Church.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

We began our Anniversary Year with a Mid-night Service on December 31st. We plan to have such a Service again this year. A Social Hour and refreshments in the Sparks Building at 9:30 o'clock. At 11 o'clock we shall be in the Church for the Service of Evening Prayer.

On New Year's Day there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:15 A.M.

THE CONTENTS OF THE NEW CORNERSTONE

Those persons who were not here on August 5th at the laying of the cornerstone may be interested in learning about the contents of the lead box placed within the Stone.

A copy of the Charter and By-laws of the Parish

Coins minted in 1962

A copy of the Holy Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, the Church Hymnal

A Handbook of the Swedish Colonial Society

A copy of the Sermon preached by the Rev'd. Donald G. Doll

The following flags:

United Nations

United States

Sweden

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

City of Philadelphia

The Christian Church

The Episcopal Church

A United Thank Offering Envelope with some money enclosed

A Letter written by the present Rector and addressed to the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Clergy and Congregation of St. James Church one century hence.

When the Mason was removing stones from the wall to make space for the new cornerstone he found within the wall the crown of an acorn. This with an explanatory note was also enclosed in a small receptacle and placed in the lead box.

INCENTIVE: The Newsletter of Trinity Church, Pierre, South Dakota, tells of a wealthy clergyman who died, leaving money to buy foam rubber cushions for the kneelers in his church - but only for the front half of the church.

" 'That clock will go eight days without winding' said the salesman proudly. 'And how long will it go if it is wound?' asked the purchaser. Not only clocks, but also people, need winding up. During the week, we are all too apt to 'run down hill,' not only physically, but perhaps more especially morally and spiritually. We go to Church on Sunday, start off with new resolutions and fine ideals, then day by day we have to take the hard knocks that the world gives us with the result that we come out at the end of the week with our enthusiasm gone, discouraged and disillusioned, run down."

- The Rt. Rev. W. A. Lawrence, D.D.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1963
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

It has never been my principle to equate Christian discipleship with the amount of one's contributions to either Church or charity. The ability of people to give is conditioned often by factors that are known only to the person concerned. But there is a relationship between one's discipleship and one's willingness to sacrifice for God's Church. Willingness to sacrifice should express itself in eagerness and conviction.

Everyone of us, I assume, desires to do and give something for Christ's Church. That means, of course, to help maintain the clergy and other members of the staff: organist, custodian, secretarial assistance; to provide for the care of the buildings; to support certain benevolent and missionary activities of the Church. But how much shall we give? We cannot answer this question in dollars and cents. It is for everyone who professes the Name of Christ to work over his budget and devote a certain proportion to the Church of God. Many of us, were we to analyze our giving, would have reason to be ashamed of what we give back to God. We have every comfort and luxury: often two cars; two houses; et cetera. What the Church or Charity receives is a pittance.

Let us re-think this matter. Is ten per cent of our income too much for most of us to give for Church and Charity? Many of our parishes are proclaiming this as the objective for all of us to attain. So wide-spread is the practice that the Reader's Digest printed an article in 1958 "Modern Tithing - A Vital Revival". This article cites the great increase in parish budgets, and the ability of parishes and dioceses to expand their present activities, or to develop projects in new areas because Church members have contributed more liberally.

If the budget of St. James Church had been greater we could have had, these many years, another full-time clergyman to help develop our parish. Today we would have been much stronger than we are; and more active in promoting community and parish activities.

It is our privilege to give; to give back to God for His Church what God has entrusted to us.

May this Holy Season be a time for you to meditate upon your giving of self, and your giving of your possessions, to God for His use.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

On Thursday, April 18th we shall be receiving your clean, used clothing for Church World Service. The hours are 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. when members of the Women's Auxiliary will be in the Sparks Memorial Building to prepare the clothing for shipment to New Windsor, Maryland. As you go through your wardrobe please lay aside your unwanted garments for this project.

THE PARISH REGISTER
November 16, 1962 to March 15, 1963

BAPTISMS: Robert Hossein Giles, Carmela Denise Schestok, Sherry Lynn Jackson, Maryellen Henry, Susan Virginia Tustin, Lee Ann Sindel, Richard Alan Swan, Jennifer Harding, Melissa Ann Fisher, Richard David Antes, Francis Hemple, Donna Marie Kaufman, Marlene Sandra Diehl, Kenneth Richard Perry, John Callison Kreeger, Charles Andrew Cody, Ernest Aubrey Myers, Joni Beth Mendez de Acereto, Deborah Ann Levers, Bryan David Tustin. The following was baptized conditionally: Tamara Azele Doyle.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Rose Irving and Frances Irving McLaughlin from St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia; Charles Henry Esola and Florence Stoker Esola, Arthur Wressig, Sr., Josephine Zoida from Prince of Peace, Philadelphia; Thomas Harding from Church of Faith, Mahanoy City, Pa.; Harry Fulmer from Trinity Memorial, Philadelphia; Catherine MacNamee Scheetz from St. Luke's Chester, Pa.; Ella Verna Lawley, Julia Lawley, Ella Lawley, LeRoy Lawley from Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia; William and Elizabeth Lindsay from St. Michael's, Yeadon, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Dorothy Jones to St. Nicholas Church, Noel, Missouri; Jane Charis Gilbert Julian to St. James Church, Upper Montclair, N.J.; Howard Alexander Tustin and Anastasia Gable Tustin to Christ Church, Ridley Park, Pa.; Harry Ross to St. Margaret's, Emmaus, Pa.; George C. Makin, Jr. to Christ Church, Somers Point, N.J.; Patsy Owens Fitch, Hallie Nettey Fitch, Patsy Fitch to St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Raymond Ammon Brosius and Elizabeth Mary Cummings; Charles Carroll McClelland and Tanya Anne Morris.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Katharine B. Custer, Mary E. Gruver, Louisa G. Hartman, Lewis N. Rice, Clara F. Shadel, Edward S. Phillips, Catherine E. Carmichael, John L. Sterling, Edward Kelly, Stella Griffith, Walter P. Colgan, LeRoy T. Lawley, John Kilpatrick, Edith Clara Foote, Anne E. Bagley, James G. McPherson, The Rev'd. Melvin M. Heckler, Robert M. Lafferty, Ruth Marker, James Anderson, William C. Ellison.

"May their rest be in peace and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, April 15, 1963 at 8:00 P.M.

"The members of the Corporation who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before the meeting of the corporation, shall be all Lay, Baptized, and Confirmed persons of the age of Twenty-one years or upwards, who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual Place of Public Worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the Corporation during each of the two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: William C. Conner; Edward F. Hosbach; J. Shaw Stevenson.

ENGAGED COUPLES

A series of instructions on Marriage beginning April 22nd, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Y.M.C.A. Building, 1421 Arch Street. Further information is posted on the Church Vestibule Bulletin Board.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 7th
8:15 A.M. Holy Communion
9:30 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon
(Distribution of Palms at each Service)

Maundy Thursday
7:45 P.M. Holy Communion

Good Friday
11:45 A.M. Children's Service
12:45 - 1:45 P.M. Meditations on the Passion
1:45 - 3:00 P.M. Matthew's, "Gethsemane to Golgotha"

Easter Even (Saturday)
4:00 P.M. Holy Baptism

EASTER DAY

6:30 A.M. Holy Communion
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion (Choral)
9:30 A.M. Family Service and Sunday School
(Flowering of the Cross)
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon
(Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day)

EASTER OFFERING

The enclosed envelope is for your Easter Offering. This offering is used by the Vestry for current expenses.

"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all."

I Chronicles 29:11

COME AND BE COUNTED

In 1961 the General Convention of this Church adopted the following Canon. We publish it again for your information.

Section 1 - "All persons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and whose Baptism has been duly recorded in this Church, are members thereof.

Section 2 - All such baptized persons who shall for one year preceding have fulfilled the requirements of the Canon, Of the Due Celebration of Sundays, - (All persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, by regular participation in the public worship of the Church, by hearing the Word of God read and taught and by other acts of devotion and works of charity, using all godly and sober conversation - Canon 19): unless for good cause prevented, are members of this Church in good standing.

Section 3 - All such members in good standing who have been confirmed by a bishop of this Church, and who shall have received Holy Communion at least thrice during the next preceding year, are communicants in good standing."

We are in process of creating a Communicant list in the New Parish Register (Volume VIII) which dates from August 5, 1962. Only those persons who fulfill the spirit and intent of this canon will have their names inscribed in this new register.

It will be a help to the Rector if persons receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Communion will sign the enclosed form. Place it in the offering plate or mail it to the Church.

CAMERAS IN THE CHURCH

We ask that there be no picture taking during any Services within the Church. At Weddings arrangements may be made for posing following the ceremony. When there are special programs: tableaux, the Lucia Fest, Flowering of the Cross, and so on, the Rector may authorize one person to use his camera. If this rule were not observed there would be undue distraction caused by the photograph enthusiasts.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

On June 24, 1962 we dedicated a beautiful book to be used for recording the names of your departed loved ones. The Repository in the North Transept was also dedicated.

Persons who desire to make a contribution to the Parish Special Fund in lieu of sending flowers at the time of death may mail their cheque to the Church together with the name and address of the person who should receive notice of your gift.

Interested persons may see the cards to be used posted on the Church Bulletin Board.

This Book of Remembrance and the Repository are the gift of members of the Robinson family as a memorial to their mother, ELIZABETH LOGAN ROBINSON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BAZAAR AND SUPPER

This important project of the Sunday School will be held on Wednesday, May 15th, 5 - 9 P.M. (Supper 5-7 P.M.) If you would contribute fancy goods, baked articles, white elephant miscellany, et cetera kindly notify the Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Robert M. Smith, 79 Barker Avenue, Sharon Hill (Telephone - LU 6-3111) or call the Parish House Office - SA 7-5265.

Do plan to encourage the members of the Sunday School by your patronage.

LOST AND FOUND

During 1961 a ring was found in St. James Church. This ring is of some value and doubtless was a prized possession. We would be pleased to return it to the rightful owner. If it is not claimed by anyone we shall, with the approval of the person who found it, sell it and use the proceeds for some needed furnishings in the Sparks Building.

BUS TRIP, APRIL 27th

A Bus Trip to the Land of the Pennsylvania Dutch, will be held on Saturday, April 27th, sponsored by the Evening Woman's Auxiliary. The Bus will leave the Parish House, 68th and Woodland Avenue at 8:30 A.M. Included in the itinerary is a Tour of an Amish Farm and Home; a Ride through the Dutch Country; Visit to "Wheatlands", the home of President Buchanan in Lancaster; Dinner at the General Sutter Hotel. The cost is \$15.00 which includes everything except Lunch. (A \$5.00 deposit is requested when you register.)

For further information, please contact Miss Anna Beel - SA 6-6567 or Miss Ruth McCaughern - SA 9-5646.

THE RECTORY RECORDING SERVICE

When no one is in the Rectory an automatic recording device is put into service in the telephone circuit. When you dial the Rectory number and are apprised of this by the tape recording please wait for the proper signal and announce distinctly and slowly your name and telephone number. The Rector will telephone you upon his return. (Sometimes people hurriedly leave their name and number but the recording is so blurred that it is impossible to understand. "Phoners," please take the time to enunciate distinctly.)

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
SUMMER 1963
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Occasionally someone who has moved to another community will tell me that their Episcopal Church is too "high." These same persons will add that they have been attending some other denominational church. The services they are participating in are invariably very informal: there is no liturgy; they sit through everything in the worship; they may celebrate the Lord's Supper once a month, or only four times a year, et cetera. I ask my informers, "Why is it that this sort of worship is never too 'low'?" It is always "The Episcopal Church is too high!"

I find it very difficult to sympathize with such persons in their thinking.

What have they carried away from St. James as experiences that they should feel are essential to Christian Worship? There should be the spirit of solemnity and dignity; the Holy Communion should be central; the beauty and living power of the Sacred Scriptures should be beautifully and clearly set forth as in the Offices of the Book of Common Prayer; there should be reverence in every act; the kneeling for prayer; the sitting for instruction, the standing for praise, et cetera.

When I enter an Episcopal Church, these are the things that I look for and expect. Whether it be "high" or "low", I usually find just such evidences of worshipfulness. This is what nurtures my soul as I raise my heart and mind to God. Some of the ceremony, certain of the vestments may be strange to me. But the language of solemnity, and adoration, of reverence and self-dedication is always very understandable. And that is what is of abiding worth. May I, therefore, suggest that wherever you may be, during a holiday, or if you have moved away from us, you thoughtfully endeavor to understand what is being done in the Church wherein you are worshipping. Usually a bit of thoughtful inquiry will bring one to an appreciation of the ceremony that at first may have seemed strange. This is all part of one's growth in the rich experience of the Worship of this Anglican Communion.

My added expression of concern that your Summer may be a time of physical and spiritual refreshment.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER
March 16 to May 25, 1963

BAPTISMS: Lawrence Reese Fitzgerald, David Bruch Pagan, William Guy Lytell, Robert John Pritchett, James Andrew Sheridan, Charles Frederick Kowchak, Jr., Sandra June Floyd Kowchak, Stephen Michael Kelley, Cecelia Mary DiCrecio.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: James David Ayres, Michael James Ayres, Susan Helen Ayres, Barbara Ann Conlin, Carol Gay Conlin, George Charles Davidson, Tamara Azile Doyle, Patricia Ann Thies Fulmer, John Agnew Gardner, Virginia Hall Gilchrist, Janice Marie Hall, Priscilla Stieler Heisler, Glenn Albert Johnson, Alice Mae Kerrigan, Diane Lynne Kleckner, John Allen Lloyd, Kathleen Elaine Lloyd, Pamela Joyce Lloyd, Kathryn Ann Menewisch, Helen Tarcis Morris, Ernest Aubrey Myers, Lynn Marie Northwood, Joseph Francis Palmer, Jr., David Patchell Robinson, John Gary Steveline, Linda Susan Steveline, Lee Gordon Toyer, Alfred Louis Ulrich, Jr., Gail Elizabeth Vedetto, Robert Thomas Williamson, Gary Ray Wismer, Carl Leslie Wolfgang.

The following was received into the Episcopal Church: John Joseph Steveline.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Josephine E. MacLearn and Mary MacLearn from Church of the Atonement, 47th & Kingsessing Ave., Philadelphia; Florence Buckler Dunn from Holy Comforter, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Vincent Grisafi, Mrs. Vincent Grisafi, Nancy Lee Grisafi to St. James, Prospect Park, Pa.; George Martin Price and Furnessia Price to St. Stephen's, Clifton Heights, Pa.

MARRIAGES: James Frank Eckardt and Janice Estell Kraft.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Kathryn Dunn, Agnes S. Hoffman, George R. Shadel, Catherine Simon, Charles S. Creighton, Charles J. McClure, Margaret S. Reed, Joseph Gardler, Sr., David S. Saunders, Gertrude O. Murrison, Anna E. Fleming, Francis H. Briggs, Bert A. Lambillotte, Mary E. Cannon, Elizabeth J. Thies, Edward J. Shepherd.

"May their rest be in peace and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

COMMON ROOM

A small room in the Sparks Building has been furnished to serve as a comfortable, homelike lounge for committee meetings, certain organizations, et cetera.

The settees, rug, chairs, and harvest-table have been purchased out of the bequest made to St. James by the late Alice Makin.

Miss Marion Moore of the Moore Furniture Store, 6731 Woodland Ave., planned and arranged the room. Furthermore, she and her firm very generously contributed lamps, pictures and two small tables. We hope that after you have seen this attractive room you will express your appreciation to Miss Moore.

ON REPLACING MEMORIALS

A few days ago a long-time member of St. James made reference to memorials in this Church that have been removed in favor of new furnishings. We assured the inquirer that when any change was made a new installation bore the name that was formerly memorialized. Interested persons may refer to the Memorial Board in the North Transept. This matter was explained years ago when the major alterations were made in the Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BAZAAR AND SUPPER

The response of the Congregation to the Sunday School appeal for patronage was very commendable. Over 400 had their dinner, and a large number visited the auditorium for the bazaar. Total profits to date - \$883.00. Some of this money is used for a missionary and benevolence account. The remainder is placed in a special fund for Sunday School needs.

THE SPARKS RENOVATION FUND

Our last campaign to reduce the Sparks Building deficit has just terminated. The contributors have been dependable. Nearly all pledges have been paid. Our thanks to the faithful!

As of this date the Renovation Fund owes various parish accounts (Cemetery, Vestry Sinking Fund, etc.) the sum of \$14,910.75. We must have another campaign to pay off the indebtedness. During the Fall we shall be writing to you about the matter. It is just possible that in the next campaign we shall include a figure to cover the painting of the Church interior.

THE HEATER FUND

The cost of the Church Heater has been met by contributors and pledges. Of the total amount required \$7,695.00, \$1,521.00 has been paid up to this date. We do depend on all to keep their envelope contributions up-to-date.

MISCELLANEOUS

In the Church Vestibule is a book shelf containing many interesting volumes. We especially commend the Church's Teaching Series (The Holy Scriptures, Chapters in Church History, The Faith of the Church, The Worship of the Church, Christian Living, The Episcopal Church and Its Work). These books are not widely circulated. Why are we so indifferent to books that will help us in our religious life? Many of us read the brief tracts and "Forward Day by Day." But we should determine to take hold of a volume that really gets into a matter deeply and widely.

Mr. William H. Emil, The Chapin Home, 6713 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia 42, Pa., a regular worshipper at St. James, is now in The Henry Landis Hospital, Corinthian and Girard Avenue, Philadelphia 30, Pa. - Room 433. Visiting hours at the Landis Hospital: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday - 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Send him a card or, if it is possible, make a brief visit.

The various organizations in St. James Church do much to help our parish in many ways. They provide opportunities for sociability and fellowship, they have educational programs, missionary and service projects. Not the least of their contributions is their financial assistance in many affairs. During the past several months the following organizations have given the Vestry monies:

Church Guild -	\$800.00 - Vestry Account
Woman's Auxiliary (Afternoon Branch) -	800.00 - Vestry Account
St. James Guild -	125.00 - Coat Rack (Sparks Building)
Chancel Guild -	40.00 - Toward Christmas Decorations
Men's Club -	200.00 - Toward Sparks Building Maintenance Account

Miss Bixler and the faithful members of our Senior Choir do a commendable Service. The general migration of people from this area has made inroads on the membership. We need new voices for the Choir. Old and young, any who would offer their services, singing to the Glory of God, give their names to the Rector or speak to Miss Bixler.

This Parish-family Letter is mailed, one copy to each husband and wife, and a copy to each other confirmed member of the parish. If any do not receive a copy kindly notify us: a note to the Rectory or a word to an usher. Approximately 900 letters are mailed each time.

With regret we had to discontinue the meetings of the Girls Friendly Society Juniors. For many years Mrs. George Craig provided leadership for these young girls. Following her being incapacitated Miss Marion Koenig carried on. The members dwindled and the decision was made to hold no more meetings. If and when other girls express a desire to re-organize we shall be glad to resume.

The Rector is pleased to announce the birth in Austin, Texas, on May 2nd, of another granddaughter, Jennifer Evangeline Gilbert.

The Real Property Assessor has given us a number for the street entrance to the Sparks Building - 2210 South 68th Street. (Use this number in calling taxicabs, et cetera.)

GREATER SOUTHWEST PHILADELPHIA

What we know as the Eastwick project is, or should be, of great interest to all of us in this area. It is planned that there will ultimately be 12,000 - 15,000 new homes, - a city within a city.

We commend this development to all who are seeking a new home. There is much to be said for it as compared with distant suburban communities. Of course, we are eager to have more of our St. James families remain in this area. This Church can offer Eastwick residents who desire the ministrations of the Episcopal Church a convenient and suitable sanctuary for worship.

A scholar of the English Church says that "Christian Dogma finds its typical expression in worship, and the Christian religion is not merely a way of piety for the individual soul, but is in the first place a participation in a common life."

If you have an unlisted telephone and desire that your number be on record at St. James Church please make a proper notation and mail to the Rectory. You may place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
ADVENT 1963
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

I am writing this to you on the day when the mortal remains of a noble American are being interred in Arlington Cemetery. By the time that you receive the letter probably two weeks will have passed, and all of us will be involved in the busy preparations for Christmas. But the impact of the tragic death of John F. Kennedy will not be easily forgotten. We have all been shaken and shocked. No reparations can be made before the throne of the Holy and Just God for the precious life of a man cut down before he fulfilled his destiny on this earth. The death of the culprit accomplishes nothing in this matter. The martyrdom of John F. Kennedy does only one thing and that is to place everyone of us in democratic way of life. It is only as you and I, and all Americans, live with increased dedication, and more sensitive conscience, that we can in any small degree help to fill up the measure of life that has been drained by a foul and cruel murder.

The martyrs of our faith have placed us in debt. Our Lord's death on Calvary summons us ever, so compellingly, to offer ourselves to the God of Life, - to offer ourselves in penitence and devotion, all that we are and all that we have, - for the fulfillment of our debt and obligation to the High and Holy One who has made us. The Spirit of God is upon us to comfort and inspire, but it is ever summoning us to realize that we are debtors before the Eternal Love. Let us live always mindful that it is we who owe the world a life.

May your Christmas be a hopeful and merry one because you have learned to realize somewhat of the meaning of Jesus' birth, and life, and death, and resurrection.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER
May 26 to November 30, 1963

BAPTISMS: Renee Carol Pottier, Deonne Jeanette Brosius, John Waddington Needham, III, David Frederick Boch, Douglas Matthew Evans, Catherine Mary Crain, Martha Christine Carson, Nancy Elaine Robertson, John Henry Ruppert, Lynn Ann Ruppert, David Stewart Henry, Kathleen Jane Grout, David John Shaffer, William Joseph Carlberg, Susan Lynne Thomas.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Violet Elizabeth Craig Wallace Ryken from St. James, 22nd and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wilhelmina F. Shaw from St. Peter's, 3rd and Pine Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.; Anna Wilhelmina Johnson Holder from St. Andrew's, Camden, N. J.; William Jamison Cull from Church of the Holy Comforter, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Ellen Gertrude Hoffman Hopko, Nancy Carson Newnam to St. Michael's Church, Yeadon, Pa.; George Louis McKinney, Jr. to Church of St. John the Evangelist, Essington, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Francis Thomas Franklin and Carol Ann Kopp; Norman Murray Gibson and Judith Ann Higman; Thomas Richard Bradshaw and Susanne Stokes Yerkes; Norton Ludlum Woodruff, III and Evelyn Lillian Titus; William Guy Lytell and Carol Joyce Lock; James Ramsey Stewart, Jr. and Carol Ann Drepperd; Robert George Bussell and Evalina Gertrude Dyer; Howard Douglas McCullough and Alice Marie Horne; Leonard Wagner Warner and Minna Applebaugh Tibbott; Raymond Francis Horn and Renee June Orrell.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Elva H. Anderson, Joanna F. Wittmann, Nathaniel Willis, Margaret J. Cooke, Alfred D. Bye, Robert P. Robinson, Joseph C. Haenn, Sadie Irwin, Dorothea B. Drecelbis, Thomas R. Leslie, Walter F. Robey, Jesse W. Wade, Jr.; Edward Joseph Devir, Ervin I. Grote, Jr., Annie E. Ortt, Chester A. Maxton, William J. Tarrence, Andrew T. Patterson, Clarence F. May, Elizabeth Fiehler, Andrew J. Sutton, Anna Matilda Wilson, Mary Jane Chambers Ryan, Jacob P. Bausch, Margaret G. Perkins, Charles Lewis Downes, Rebecca M. Sloan.

"May their rest be in peace and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ST. JAMES

Our Corporate title is ST. JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING, 6838 Woodland Avenue. It is well to use this on all announcements, et cetera. It avoids confusion for persons seeking to find the Church, and it gives us our correct name. The Sparks Memorial Building (our parish house) is properly addressed as 2210 South 68th Street.

ENVELOPES FOR CONTRIBUTORS

Packets of envelopes are available for any who desire to make a weekly contribution. These are "duplex" envelopes: one side is used for this parish, the other for the work of the Episcopal Church and for various benevolences beyond our parish limits.

Any persons desiring a set may procure one by notifying an usher at any Service.

SERVICE FOR THE LATE PRESIDENT, THE HONORABLE JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

On Sunday, November 24th at 7 P.M. the Burial Office was read following a brief meditation. Such Services are offered to God for the repose of the souls of the departed and as a means of comfort to Christians.

Among the archives of St. James is a copy of the Service authorized by the Bishop of Pennsylvania for use in all the congregations of this Diocese:

"Memorial of William McKinley, President of the United States of America Thursday, September 19, 1901, at 11 A.M."

Among the prayers is one for the new President (Theodore Roosevelt). It reads thus:

"Almighty and Everlasting God, the fountain of all wisdom and strength, we ask Thy blessing upon Thy Servant whom through this way of sorrow and bereavement Thou hast called to be the President of the United States. May he be wise with Thy wisdom and strong with Thy strength. Replenish him with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that he may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way. May His administration be in righteousness and the end thereof be peace; We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

We may fittingly offer this prayer on behalf of our new Executive, The Honorable Lyndon Baines Johnson.

THIS IS CHRISTIAN AMERICA

One of our parishioners, Mrs. Olga O'Mara, is visiting in California. In a letter to the Rector she has written this concerning the Cathedral Church which she attends:

"They have a big choir of men and boys made up of some Negroes, Japanese, and Mexicans as well as those like ourselves. The Congregation is also mixed and no one thinks anything of it. Everyone gets along fine."

The Calendar for the Advent and Christmas Seasons is as follows:

Sunday, December 15th-	7:45 P.M.	"Lucia Fest" a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann. Preacher: The Rev'd. Anthony J. Mattes, Vicar, Church of the Ascension, Parkesburg, Pa.
Sunday, December 22nd-	9:30 A.M.	Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering.
Sunday, December 22nd-	7:45 P.M.	By Candlelight - "A Carol Service with Nine Lessons for Christmas" (Music by Theron Kirk.)
Tuesday, December 24th-	10:45 P.M. 11:15 P.M.	Carol Service The Holy Communion
Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day	8:15 A.M.	The Holy Communion
Monday, December 30th-	7:30 P.M.	Sunday School Christmas Party for the entire school: Nursery and all classes.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

This Celebration will be held on Tuesday the 24th. The Service will start at 10:45 o'clock with a half-hour period of Carol and hymn singing. The Mid-night Eucharist is a traditional Christmas Service in the Church. We would remind all that it is an occasion of great solemnity, and requires of us the same serious preparation that obtains for any other Communion Service.

On Christmas Day there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:15 A.M.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas Offering. This offering is used by the Vestry for the current expenses account and, therefore, helps us meet the various bills incurred in the operation of St. James Church.

"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. I Chronicles xxix:14.

CEMETERY COSTS

The Vestry has voted the following adjustment in the Cemetery prices to be effective January 1, 1964.

Annual Care per grave	-	\$ 3.50
Three Graves or more	-	2.50 per grave

The price of all graves will be increased by \$25.00. This means that the available graves will cost: - \$115.00; \$135.00; \$150.00. All graves maybe opened for two interments. The above selling price includes perpetual care. The cost for perpetual care alone will be \$75.00.

NOTES: The Men's Club will not be selling Christmas Trees during the coming Season.

The Young People's Fellowship will be serving a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, January 18th.

A weekly program sponsored by the Episcopal Church, "Adventurous Mission" is shown each Sunday at 7:10 A.M. - WFIL - TV.

As of December 2, the Church Heater Fund has received \$4,621.20. This leaves \$3,073.80 yet to be paid.

Mrs. Mildred Irwin Bingham, neice of the late Miss Sadie Irwin, on behalf of her family desires to thank all of Miss Irwin's friends and associates for their many kindnesses to her. Not only in her illness but during all of her years at St. James, Many persons have manifested concern for Miss Irwin's welfare, and extended great courtesies to make her life more enjoyable and meaningful.

The Bishop Coadjutor will visit St. James on Sunday afternoon March 1st for the Service of Confirmation.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1964
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

Years ago a prominent American said something to this effect, "The Episcopal Church is a sleeping giant. Watch out for it when it awakes." Of course, this is not an adequate appraisal. There is a certain lack in the American people who fail to appreciate the Anglican (that is, the Episcopal) Church, - the richness and depth of her history, her worship, her fellowship. But in one matter we agree with the oft-quoted prominent citizen. Episcopalians are not sufficiently aware of the value of their own Book of Common Prayer. This volume is the superior of any comparable volume in Christian literature, the Holy Bible excepted. The Book of Common Prayer is an excellent presentation of the best of Christian thinking during these years of Grace. The Prayers and Collects, the Instructions, every paragraph in the Orders of Worship interpret Holy Writ, and express those teachings which are of greatest importance in the thinking and living of Christians. Students of the Prayer Book, we believe, will read the Holy Bible with greater understanding and appreciation, with a better sense of religious values.

Know your Prayer Book. (There are usually in the Literature Cabinet, leaflets and booklets that relate to the Prayer Book.)

During Lent the Wednesday evening addresses have been on certain Services of the Book of Common Prayer: The Penitential Office, The Litany, The Order for the Burial of the Dead, et cetera. The Upper Classes of the Sunday School are currently devoting their sessions to a study of this book. We expect that all, because of their knowledge of The Book of Common Prayer, will be more well-enlightened Churchmen, and better Christians.

Of course, we do not aver that the Prayer Book can not be improved. There is a Standing Commission of our Church constantly studying matters that need alteration or additions. At some future date a new edition will be authorized. In the meantime we may well depend on the present edition to be a sufficient guide and comfort in all the affairs of this life.

As we look forward to the Great Festival of Easter may it be with increasing assurance that the Lord Jesus has risen from the dead, that death has lost its sting, that we, embracing the Faith, move on to the Life Immortal.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, March 30, 1964 at 8:00 P.M.

"The members of the Corporation who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before the meeting of the corporation, shall be all Lay, Baptized, and Confirmed persons of the age of Twenty-One years or upwards, who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual Place of Public Worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the corporation during each of the two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: Daniel R. Apostolu; James Colsher; Harry C. Rippel.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 22nd	8:15 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Holy Communion Family Service and Sunday School Morning Prayer and Sermon (Distribution of Palms at each Service)
Maundy Thursday	7:45 P.M.	Holy Communion
Good Friday	11:45 A.M. 12:45 - 1:45 P.M. 1:45 - 3:00 P.M.	Children's Service Meditations on the Passion Shaw's - "The Redeemer"
Easter Even (Saturday)	4:00 P.M.	Holy Baptism

EASTER DAY

	6:30 A.M. 8:00 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Holy Communion Holy Communion (Hymns) Family Service and Sunday School (Flowering of the Cross) Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon
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(Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day)

EASTER OFFERING

The enclosed envelope is for your Easter Offering. This offering is used by the Vestry for current expenses.

"Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity." Tobit 4:8,9.

THE PARISH REGISTER December 1, 1963 to February 23, 1964

BAPTISMS: Yang Ja Choi Link, George William Link III, Steven Francis Pascal, Katrine Ann Kidd, Paul Alvin Rowlings, Jr., Harold Kesten, Michele Ruth Schrieber, Sharon Elizabeth Schrieber, Albert Leroy Miller, Ruth Helen Therese Cassidy, Cynthia Helen Sucher, Lynora Louise Francis, Deborah Ann Rechner, Ronald Roy Pine, Steven Edward Belville, Sarah Jane Jones, Donald Edward Sylvester.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Ada Tangye Wenzel from the Church of the Redeemer, Springfield, Pa.; Margaret Clymer Anderson and Carol Lynne Anderson from Prince of Peace, 22nd & Morris Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jane Price from Trinity Memorial Church, 22nd & Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eunice S. Glass from St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, Pa.; Albert Nonemacker, Sr. from All Saints, Rhawnhurst, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: William and Lillian E. Ferris to St. George's, Ardmore, Pa.; Sarah Catherine Smith to St. James, Langhorne, Pa.; Ann Rebecca Wilkinson Hance to St. Martin's-in-the Field, Severna Park, Maryland; Edmund H. and Dorothy K. Lunn to St. Alban's, Wilshire Hills, Reading, Pa.; Richard Arnold and Joan Harriet Weidman Northwood to St. Stephen's Clifton Heights, Pa.; Harry, Sr. and Edna Welsh Weidman to St. Stephen's, Clifton Heights, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Ronald Vincent McGowan and Bonnie Irene Clark; James Allsbury Daley and Mary Jane Fleming; Richard James Atchison and Susan Calhoun Mellon.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Henry Vincent Schaffer, Mary C. Walsh, Sarah A. Glass, Florence M. Gable, Thomas H. Heaney, Nicholas Bracco, Kathryn Hoffner, Mary E. McCullough, John C. Berkeyheiser, Otto E. J. Slinkman, Joseph Watkin Anderson, James Gibson, Eleanor Perry, Eleanor Meryweather, Ambrose Lockwood, Helen Miller Adams, Walter L. Solomon, Sadie McClure, Elizabeth Haigh.

"May their rest be in peace and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

INDEBTEDNESS

The Church Heater installation cost was \$7,695.00. To date \$5,201.70 has been paid by contributors. The current pledges will terminate in November, 1964. By that time we assume that all will have fulfilled their obligation and the heater account closed.

There is an indebtedness on the Sparks Building of \$14,755.52. During next winter we shall have a parish campaign to wipe out that deficit. When this is accomplished we plan to build the needed addition at the rear of the Church. Such a building will replace the present Vestry room and provide space and facilities for the Choirs, the Altar Guild, the Vestry and the Clergy. This latter project is much in the mind of the Rector. Of necessity the Rector will have to retire in November 1968. He cherishes the hope that he may have the health and strength to "carry on" for these several years. And he would like to see this one project accomplished ere he retires!

THE FIRST SUNDAY EVENING

There will be no further celebrations of the Holy Communion on the first Sunday evening of each month. The response to this opportunity has hardly justified the effort and time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BAZAAR AND SUPPER

This important project of the Sunday School will be held on Wednesday, April 29th, 5-9 P.M. (Supper 5-7 P.M.) If you would contribute fancy goods, baked articles, white elephant miscellany, etc. kindly notify the Sunday School Superintendent, the Parish House Office SA 7-5265. Mr. John Steveline, 2504 South 68th Street, SA 7-4066 is the Director of the Bazaar.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

On Thursday, April 23rd we shall be receiving your clean, used clothing for Church World Service. The hours are 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. when members of the Woman's Auxiliary will be in the Sparks Memorial Building to prepare the clothing for shipment to New Windsor, Maryland. As you go through your wardrobe please lay aside your unwanted garments for this project.

A GRACE FOR MEALS

The following is a Grace that the Rector has written for his own use. Perhaps others would find it appropriate.

"Dear Lord of Life and Love, I receive these gifts of Thy giving with gratitude, and with the earnest desire that I may ever give of myself to Thee, and the mission of Thy Church, as Thou hast given so freely to me." Amen.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM J. CUMMING

The Parish Register bears this record under Marriages:

Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in the Church,

William John Cumming and

Mary Edna Cooper

The Rev'd. S. Lord Gilberson, Officiating.

On Wednesday, January 29th of this year, the Bride and Groom, with many relatives and friends as guests, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in the Sparks Building.

It was a festive, happy occasion.

All of us congratulate these devoted and active members of St. James. May they have many more years of blessed and joyous companionship.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
SUMMER 1964
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

If we would help the members of our families and our friends and all with whom we are associated to keep in a wholesome and balanced state of mind we will refrain from a habitual expression of our prejudices. I am quite certain that a great deal of the hurt that comes to all of us as the result of the ill-will and ridicule of others issues from the careless repetition of prejudices. Children sit at table and hear their parents saying unfavorable and unkind things about neighbors, religions, people of other races or nationalities, et cetera. Is it unusual, therefore, for a youngster to leave his home and hurl a stone at the window of a Church, or school, or neighbor whom his father has condemned? Or it may be just a matter of expressing the prejudice of his parent before other girls or boys. This is the way that animus is created. Others are labeled, and often with scurrilous names, as though they were not worthy: Jews, Catholics, Protestants, Negros, Puerto Ricans, Orientals.

People do not rise above their prejudices easily. Most of us have had strong prejudices inculcated when we were children. Many people never get over these distorted opinions; probably get a great deal of satisfaction cultivating them, and endeavoring to win others to share them.

If we are going to live together in this free land as fellow-citizens committed to the principles of our Constitution we have to break down our prejudices, and we have to do what we can to help others to the same experience.

Fair-mindedness requires at least two qualities: the disposition to be true and just in our thinking; the eagerness to get the facts, knowledge, before we make our judgements. "Prejudice is being down on what you are not up on."

Our religion should be the inspiration to our seeking to live above prejudices. Certainly the words that St. John records, as of Our Lord, apply in this matter as in many others. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." It is the responsibility and privilege of the Child of God to be free of ignorance, bigotry, animus, suspicion, prejudice. For "Prejudice is a vagrant opinion without visible means of support."

Trusting that yours will in every way be a refreshing Summer, I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE PARISH REGISTER
February 24 to May 23, 1964

BAPTISMS: Karen Elizabeth Apostolu, Mary Elaine Fithian, Kimberly Carole Morgan, Sharon Margaret Smith, Bryan Albert Nonemacker, Robert Joseph DiSanti, Jr., Keith David Rhine, Thomas Terne, Kenneth William Barnes, Lorra Stepheni Pagano, Daveni Danielle Pagano, Patrick Howard McGowan.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Elizabeth Mary Cummings Brosius, George D. McCreary Cloak, Marilyn May Cohen, Charlotte Maria DiPlacido, Donna Lynne DiPlacido, Dorothy Lee Epright, James John Gillin, Harold Keston, Sandra June Floyd Kowchak, Beryl Mae Mertz, Jeannette Margaret Morrissey, Sandra Marlene Estright Rowlings, John Lawrence Ryback, Anna Christina Sasse Schmehl, William Howard Schultz, Patricia Ann Sullivan, Gale Lynn Ward, Tempest Eileen McAfee White, Kathryn Virginia Battersby Warner, Linda Leota Williams.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: William P. and Dorothy Mae Fitzgerald from the Church of the Mediator, Meridian, Mississippi; Edith Stagg from St. Giles, Stonehurst, Upper Darby, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: James Clemens Stankiewicz to St. Michael and All Angels, Mission, Kansas; John Manser to St. Stephen's, Huntsville, Alabama; Mary Alice Price Dyatt to St. Martins-in-the-fields, Canoga Park, California; Helen A. Pidgeon Horan Canavan to St. Mary's, Haddon Heights, New Jersey.

MARRIAGES: William Thomas Riley and Janice Marie O'Neill.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Charles W. Heritage, Alexander R. Leslie, William L. Justis, Christian Robert Erdwein, Miriam R. Muhlolland, Olive Stiles, Walter E. Harrison, Elizabeth T. Spears, Sarah E. Goudy, Alexander J. McKinney, Albert O. Gesner, John C. Barton, William H. Gillespie, George R. Hinckle, Grace F. Crouse, Margaret M. Shaw, Georgia E. Smith, James Fithian, Rodman Ferrier, Sophie Joret, Sophie Recuber.

"May their rest be in peace and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

A SURPRISE PARTY

Former members of the Young People's Fellowship gave the Rector the surprise of his life on Saturday April 11th. Mr. Gilbert assumed that he was going to a small family dinner party and walked into a room full of former Fellowship members. A sign on the head table read

Those Wonderful Years

with

The Rev. James C. Gilbert

"The Boss"

The title, in quotes, was a revelation to the guest of honor. Nearly all of the young men present had, at one time or other, worked in the Churchyard with the sextons. Hence the caption.

Some of the "Old-timers" who lived at a distance sent felicitous messages.

To crown the evening the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Jack Hickey, presented the Rector, as a gift from all, a very attractive and useful attache case.

PAINTING THE INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH

During the past several months under the direction of our Property Committee Chairman, Mr. James Colsher, the exteriors of two buildings have been painted: the Church and the Sparks Memorial Building. Also, these two edifices and the Rectory have been pointed. Much mortar had deteriorated in the stone work. The cost of this work approximated \$3,000.00. Now it is time to re-decorate the Church: the walls and ceiling, the pews and furnishings. This project will cost over \$2,000.00. The Vestry is asking you to make a contribution. Hence, the envelope in this mailing. During the Summer lay aside what you can and present your envelope on or before October 25th. If all persons earning an income would give at least \$5.00 we would readily underwrite the expense. Of course, there are many who will be able to contribute a larger sum.

THE BISHOP ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL

Subsequent to our planning to mail an envelope for the Church decoration fund, there came an appeal from Bishop DeWitt concerning a memorial to Bishop Armstrong. We are enclosing something toward this remembrance of our late Bishop.

During the month of July The Rev'd. Kurt Schellkopf will conduct the Sunday Services (8:15 and 11:00 A.M.) at St. James. During August, The Rev'd. William H. Fox.

The Family Service at 9:30 each Sunday will be the responsibility of the lay-readers of St. James Church.

Are you on the Communicant List?

Have you, within the past two years, signed a Communicant Notice? It happens all too often that confirmed persons attending this Church do not get their names on the Communicant list because they have not notified the Rector concerning their receiving the Holy Communion. At this time there are approximately 1,000 confirmed persons in this parish. 750 are listed as active communicants. Will you, therefore, make certain of your status by signing this form and placing it in the offering plate (or mail it to the Rectory).

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

(If not transferred to St. James, name and location of last parish: _____)

I received the Holy Communion: (approximate date) _____

Every Sunday at the 8:15 o'clock Celebration of the Holy Communion we offer a prayer for the departed. (See in the Book of Common Prayer - "For an Anniversary of One Departed" among the prayers in Family Prayer.) If it is possible those interested persons should be present at the Service when their friend or loved one is named.

What is the Rector's Discretionary Fund? This is an account maintained by voluntary contributions, and baptismal offerings, to underwrite certain expenses not included in the parish budget, e.g. the purchase of material for the literature cabinet; prayer books for the Confirmation Class; maintenance of the Rector's car; postage, and certain items in the Rectory telephone bill, et cetera.

In addition to direct contributions to this fund the loose offering at the 11 o'clock Service on the first Sunday of each month is provided by the Vestry.

The Rev. Canon Bryan Green is the Preacher for a series of sermons on Sunday mornings at 9 o'clock on Station WFIL. This is an interesting series of sermons, continuing through August 9th. Free copies of the 12 sermons will be available from "Parish of the Air", Box 11711, Atlanta, Georgia 30305. Canon Green is the Rector of a Parish Church in Birmingham, England.

TITHING

No, this is not a directive for you to determine on setting aside 10% of your income for Church and Charity.

It is a suggestion that you sit down with paper and pencil and total your weekly or monthly income (say, after taxes). Then set beside it what you give to your Church. Is the first figure in dollars, possible three figures at that?

Is the second figure very small by comparison, possibly, with some, in cents?

Isn't the Christian way to determine that a definite per centage, 1% or 5% or 10%, - belongs to God? (Of course the figure depends on one's income, and on his irreducible family needs considering the number of children, et cetera). Whatever the per centage is, set it aside. It is not for personal or family use. Then go about using it as an expression of gratitude for all the blessings of life.

The following item was clipped from The Living Church, December 8, 1963.

VATICAN COUNCIL - Anglicans are Different

Two French delegates to the Second Vatican Council made a plea for special consideration of Anglicanism, in discussion on the Council's schema on unity, on November 27th.

"The Anglican Church should be given special treatment," the Rt. Rev. Bernardin Collin Bishop of Digne, France, told the Council, according to Associated Press.

The Rt. Rev. Paul Gouyon, Coadjutor of Rennes, suggested that "Anglicanism should be given special mention as distinct among Churches that arose out of the Reformation." He asked that there be three separate chapters in the Council's schema on Christian unity - one each devoted to the Anglican Communion, the Orthodox Communion, and the Protestant Churches.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SMOKERS WHO "WISH THEY COULD STOP."

1. Make up your mind that you want to, that you must, quit.
2. Don't just make a resolution. Support your resolution with your religious conviction. You believe in God's Presence. Put your confidence in Him.
3. Every time that you are tempted to indulge your craving, realize God's Presence, and the Spiritual resources that are at your bidding. By God's Grace you will have the victory!

Our Sunday School program is so arranged that as students complete the Tenth Grade they are advanced into a group that includes 11th and 12th Grades and Graduates. From this group teachers are recruited. Those who desire not to remain in the Class are expected either to join the Adults under the Seminarian's instruction, or to attend one of the other Sunday Services.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
ADVENT 1964
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

The United Nations Association of the U.S.A. published recently in its "News" a tribute to Dag Hammarskjöld, late Secretary-General of U.N. The Article quotes Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, "In my job, I often think of Hammarskjöld's reply to a newsman who asked about his interest in mountain climbing: 'What I know about this sport is that the qualities it requires are just those which I feel we all need today - perseverance and patience, a firm grip on realities, careful but imaginative planning a clear awareness of the dangers - but also of the fact that fate is what we make it and . . . the safest climber is he who never questions his ability to overcome all difficulties!'"

This, I think is profound insight. There are two kinds of Christians who will object to the statement "fate is what we make it"; those who think that the course of affairs is fore-ordained and they therefore need only let God work out His will; those who accept nothing of challenge in life and, therefore, avoid responsibilities. "Let Bill do it."

I am thankful for being in a Christian tradition that very definitely lays responsibility on me, that says "you have been given understanding and vision and a job to do. By the Grace of God be up and doing it" May everyone of us lay this to heart concerning all of our obligations: our family, our community, our vocation, our Church.

On another occasion Mr. Hammarskjöld wrote this about himself, "Your responsibility indeed is terrifying. If you fail, it is God, thanks to your having betrayed Him, who will fail mankind. You fancy you can be responsible to God. Can you carry the responsibility for God?" What a penetrating question for a Christian disciple to ask himself!

It is my earnest desire that each of you, surrounded by beloved friends and family, may have a spiritually blessed and joyous Christmas-tide.

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas Offering. This offering is used by the Vestry for the current expenses account and, therefore, helps us meet the various bills incurred in the operation of St. James Church.

"Ye shall not appear before the Lord empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." Deuteronomy XVI:16,17

The Calendar for the Advent and Christmas Season is as follows:

Sunday, December 13th	7:45 P.M.	"Lucia Fest" a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann. Preacher: The Rev'd. Joseph Koci, Jr., Rector, Old St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.
Sunday, December 20th	9:30 A.M.	Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering.
Sunday, December 20th	7:45 P.M.	By Candlelight - "A Carol Service with Nine Lessons for Christmas" (Music by Theron Kirk).
Thursday, December 24th	11:00 P.M.	The Holy Communion with hymns and Carols
Friday, December 25th Christmas Day	8:15 A.M.	The Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 29th	7:30 P.M.	Sunday School Christmas Party for the entire school: Nursery and all classes.

ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTORS

Packets of envelopes are available for any who desire to make a weekly contribution. These are "duplex" envelopes: one side is used for this parish, the other for the work of the Episcopal Church and for various benevolences beyond our parish limits.

Any person desiring a set may procure one by notifying an usher at any Service.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The Rt. Rev'd. Noble C. Powell, formerly Bishop of Maryland, will visit St. James on Sunday May 9th for the Services of Confirmation. Any desiring to receive instruction may attend the preparatory classes. Senior High School students and Adults on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock (resuming sessions on Thursday January 7th). Elementary and Junior High School students Sunday afternoons at 4 o'clock (resuming sessions Sunday January 3rd.)

Any questions maybe referred to Miss Jenks or to the Rector.

THE PARISH REGISTER

May 24 to November 8, 1964

BAPTISMS: Brenda Anne McClelland, Albert Walter Boylan, Jr., Richard John Goodwin, Cynthia Lou Plemenos, Patricia Ann Gibson, David Joseph Powell, Kenneth Robert Donaldson, Curtis Carl Johnson, Jr., James Kevin Hughes, John George Hughes, Robert James Hughes, William Brian Hughes, Robert Joseph Laurie, Jr., Adolf Allen Dreyer, Lisa Carol Ulrich, James Wilson Cameron III, Norma Lee Coulter, Tracy Colleen Coulter,

THE PARISH REGISTER-BAPTISMS (Cont'd)

Robert Raymond James, Jr., Donna Lynn Tartala, David Joseph Easterday, Cheryl Lynn Kidd, Jacquelyn Lee Horn, Carl Joseph Carlberg II, Douglas Scott McCullough, Jack John Hottenfeller, Jr., Vern Patrick Hottenfeller, Anna Louise Bannon, Thomas Michael Hall.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Albert Walter Boylan from St. Stephen's New York City; Mary Agens Coll Stocker from St. Stephen's, Philadelphia; Pauline R. Green from St. Mary's, Ardmore, Pa.; Josephine McHugh from St. Titus, Philadelphia; Albert and Marie Reuben from St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia; Robert Davenport from Holy Comforter, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Jeanette McCullough Harper to Church of the Holy Comforter, Drexel Hill, Pa.; Dorothy Ellen Jones Lake, Harry Howard and Elizabeth Bell Weidman, Diane Joan Weidman to Church of the Atonement, Laurel Springs, New Jersey; Eugene LeRoy and Marie Neta Smith Nichols to St. James, Green Ridge, Pa.; Arthur A. and Mildred Lewers Needham to St. Alban's, Wilshire Hills, Sinking Springs, Pa.

MARRIAGES: James Robert Bogstad and Anna Mary Reelly; William Edward Harrison and Frances Jeanette Kowchak; Reid Starkey Thomas and Carol Lynn Logan; Arnold Muscarnero and Estelle Mae Pidgeon.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Catherine E. May, James E. Needham, Flora L. Stackhouse, Harry G. Brooks, Fred S. Hunter, Sarah R. Strain, Fred McNamee, Selina E. Eustace, Blanche I. Hollingsworth, Daniel Kitchen, Autie Taylor, William J. Spratt, Alice M. Kellner, Harriet Stevenson, Albert Dinmore, Robert E. Oates, Lewis F. Williams, Emma Clase, Hermine Malenky, Mary A. Fowler, Eva F. Thompson, William A. Souder, Rachel Boyce, Myrtle Boland, William D. Benckert, Cecil H. Reed, Marie C. Gaul, William Cull, William Boggs, Russell W. Harrison.

"May their rest be in peace and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

We are asking all contributors as far as it is possible and convenient to make their offerings to St. James by cheque. Those who use the envelopes may be able to draw one cheque monthly indicating on the black and red side of each envelope the amount to be credited. On other Sundays a token offering in cash could be made. Using cheques averts loss of cash in the mail; it minimizes the possibility of loss through theft.

Two enclosures are included in this letter: the card calendar for your wallet; a picture folder "The Upward Look." Why not place it in your wallet too? Many times it will remind you that as a Christian you are always privileged to have "The Upward Look."

THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

For many years the Flower Committee of the Chancel Guild has been under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Schmehl. She and her sisters made up the annual calendar, made arrangements with the florist for all Services, Weddings, celebrations, et cetera. This is more of a task than meets the eye. Miss Schmehl has asked to be relieved of the responsibility. We regretfully accept her resignation. We say an earnest "Thank you" for a task conscientiously and efficiently handled.

Succeeding "the Schmehl Girls" in this work is Miss Anna Beel, 6525 Gesner Street, (telephone SA 6-6567).

Do you know that it is your privilege and responsibility to check with the Administration your Social Security Account?

Ask the local Social Security Office for Form OAR - 7004 (3-64).

Fill the form in and mail it to the address indicated. You will get a report concerning your status. This may prevent later difficulties if there is any confusion or error in your account.

It is important. Do not neglect the matter.

The Oil burning heater installed in the Church two years ago and the new chimney that had to be erected cost \$7,695.00. Monies received in the account to-date total \$7,226.95. Since November 1964 was the termination of the campaign we trust that all who indicated their intention of contributing will complete their payments. We must not have a deficit in this account.

The following Communication comes from the Secretary of the Convention!

"May we bring to your attention the following Resolution which was adopted by the 167th Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS: the House of Bishops of this Church has condemned gambling in any form as a means of raising money for the support of the work of the Church:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That this Diocese in Convention assembled does likewise condemn gambling in any form as a means of raising money for the support of the Church's work."

Sunday Evenings 7:30 P.M. Station WIP (610 on your dial) "Ask the Clergy", a program offering listeners an opportunity to call the station with on-the-air questions for religious leaders. The clergymen on the panel represent the major faiths, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Episcopal and Protestant demonstrations.

A PRAYER IN SUFFERING

Dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, I hold up all my weakness to your strength, My failure to your faithfulness, My sinfulness to your perfection, My loneliness to your compassion, My little pains to your great agony on the Cross. I pray that you will cleanse me, strengthen me, guide me, so that in all ways my life may be lived as you would have it lived, without cowardice and for you alone. Show me how to live in true humility, true contrition and true live. Amen. (M.S.)

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1965
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

A short time ago I sat in a conference on the subject of "Student and Teen-age Drinking, Social and Legal Controls." It is beyond the scope of this letter to repeat the information and insights that were the benefits of that meeting. However, I carried away one conviction that I would have you share, namely, that legislation, or any kind of external disciplines, will not be efficacious in controlling excessive drinking among any group of people, - 'teen-agers or adults.

Most of you who read these lines are parents. If you want to have your children grow to maturity as self-disciplined, well-adjusted, dependable, persons the best thing that you can do for them is to set an example by being self-disciplined, dependable, well-adjusted. Maintain your home in Godliness so that a spirit of mutual good-will and communication obtain among elders and children. Relate your family to the Church and Church activities. It is in the Church that you will find the people who cherish the highest ethical and moral standards. These are the kinds of people who will offer your children examples of dignity, self-control, wholesome interests, et cetera. By contrast permit your young-people to do as they please without example or guidance, to select companions who know nothing of religious ideals, and you will likely reap unhappy consequences.

The best thing that I gained from the session on "Teen-Age Drinking" was the deepened conviction of the mission of the Church in instilling in all people the right ideals and standards as the way of good living, and in offering an inspired fellowship for the nurturing and strengthening of Godly character. (I recalled, of course, the admonition in the Offices of Instruction taught to every Confirmation Class: "To keep my body in temperance, soberness and chastity.")

With my desire that this Holy Season may be a time of ever-deepening faith and increased joy in "the Faith", I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE CHURCH INTERIOR

Under the Chairmanship of Mr. William J. Conner, the Committee has effected the redecoration of the Church interior. The work has been accomplished attractively. This, we feel, adds to the spirit of worshipfulness in this old sanctuary.

The cost was \$ 2,850.30.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, April 19, 1965 at 8:00 P.M.

"The members of the Corporation who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before the meeting of the corporation, shall be all Lay, Baptized, and Confirmed persons of the age of Twenty-One years of upwards, who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual Place of Public Worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the corporation during each of the two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: Edward W. Flowers, P. John Moore, Walter J. Robertson.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 11th	8:15 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Holy Communion Family Service and Sunday School Morning Prayer and Sermon (Distribution of Palms at each Service)
Wednesday	7:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday	7:45 P.M.	Holy Communion
Good Friday	11:45 A.M. 12:15 - 1:45 P.M. 1:45 - 3:00 P.M.	Children's Service Meditations on the Passion Dubois - "The Seven Last Words"
Easter Even (Saturday)	4:00 P.M.	Holy Baptism

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Grace Elizabeth Romano Davidson and Grace Florence Davidson, 5314 Reinhard St., Philadelphia, from The Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, Pa.; Florence E. Drefs, 317 Calcon Hook Road, Sharon Hill, Pa., from The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa.; Francis William Voelker and Helen Steinborn Voelker, 5840 Trinity Place, Philadelphia, from St. Mark's, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles J. Borie and Irene Esbin Borie, 6048 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia, from the Free Church of St. John, Philadelphia, Pa.; Margaret Peters Boughey, 1054 Duncan Avenue, Yeadon, Pa., from St. Francis Church, Holden, Massachusetts.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Richard Russell and Ruth Averell Pottier to Christ Church, Ridley Park, Pa.; Margaret Fitzwater to St. Giles, Stonehurst, Upper Darby, Pa.; Harry, Sr., May and Harry Hopkins, Jr. to The Church of the Resurrection, Mayfair, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mary Gledhill, Andrew James and Dorothy McKay Chester to All Saints, Darby, Pa.; Gordon A. and Grace Hansen Toyer, Wayne Howard and Lee Gordon Toyer to St. James, Perkiomen, Collegeville, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Wayne Joseph Petrella and Laura Gladys Estell; Harry Vaughn Coons, Jr. and Laurel Diane Chowning.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Charles F. Willoughby, Hugh Logan Robinson, Florence E. Stein, William P. DeGrasse, Joseph J. Lock, Olive Myrtle Finley, James E. Carmichael, William J. McClelland, Ethel M. Hall, Jessie A. O'Brien, Percival C. Christie, Sr., Florence M. Stompler, Howard C. Mount, Sr., Elizabeth S. Buchanan, Isabelle White, Douglas Edington, Mercedes A. Williams, Ethel Green Beeby, Jeanette McCullough, Robert L. Evans, Bella McKennie, Joseph Scott, Andrew J. Cooke.

"May their rest be in peace and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

THE REV'D. HAROLD B. BOUGHEY

As of December 1, 1964, Mr. Boughey became the Assistant Minister at St. James Church. He had previously been Rector of St. Francis Church, Holden, Massachusetts. As one activity of his varied experiences in the Church, he spent a Summer in England ministering in several parishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Boughey reside at 1054 Duncan Avenue, Yeadon. (Telephone MA 2-3316).

By this time most of St. James members have come to know either Mr. Boughey or Mrs. Boughey. In time they will be known to all of our parish family. Certainly those who have not as yet become acquainted will extend a hearty welcome to them.

Dear Friends:

It has been a very joyful experience for me to become a part of the family of St. James Church, and I am grateful for the warm welcome which so many members have extended. To serve in the ministry of such an historic parish is a great privilege and I assure you that it is my desire to do everything I can for the welfare of all its members. Within these first few weeks I have become convinced that there is a tremendous opportunity facing us as a Church in this area, and I pray that God will bless all of our endeavors to extend His Kingdom.

As we are now in the midst of the Lenten Season I would remind each person who reads this that a proper observance of this season contributes both to the personal religious health of the individual and to the corporate life of the Church. Lent is an opportunity. It possesses no magic, and like every opportunity it is of no value unless it is used. Its challenge may be met only with effort and determination, but its benefits are without number. May you have a profitable Lent and a glorious Easter.

Sincerely,

Harold B. Boughey

SUNDAY SCHOOL BAZAAR AND SUPPER

This important project of the Sunday School will be held on Wednesday, May 5th, 5-9 PM. (Supper 5-7 PM). If you would contribute fancy goods, baked articles, white elephant miscellany, etc. kindly notify the Sunday School Superintendent, the Parish House Office SA 7-5265. Mr. John Steveline, 2504 South 68th Street, SA 7-4066 is the Director of the Bazaar.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

On Thursday, April 8th we shall be receiving your clean, used clothing for Church World Service. The hours are 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. when members of the Women's Auxiliary will be in the Sparks Memorial Building to prepare the clothing for shipment to New Windsor, Maryland. As you go through your wardrobe, please lay aside your unwanted garments for this project.

THE CHURCH HEATER FUND

It is good news, reporting that the cost of installation of the new Church heater and chimney has been paid in full. \$7,695.00 was the amount of indebtedness. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this fund. Know that your share in the project is making for the greater comfort of worshippers in St. James. It eases the responsibilities of our sextons. It reduces the dust and soot problem in the Church. All of us are greatly indebted to Mr. Edward F. Hosbach who was Chairman of "the Committee for financing the new heater."

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
ADVENT 1965
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

At the Congregational meeting on Easter Monday I announced that it was my intention to retire during the next year. Accordingly I submitted a letter of resignation at the October session of the Vestry proposing February 28, 1966 as a date for me to terminate my position as Rector of St. James Church. You may be assured that this decision has come uninfluenced by any persons or circumstances other than my own conscientious opinion that St. James should have a much younger clergyman to provide the leadership that is needed if it is to grow in numbers and influence. We are becoming increasingly a Congregation of older people. Many of those younger members who might have kept our ranks more vigorous have moved away. Some younger people are moving into this area, and others will settle here as the Eastwick section is developed. A clergyman who is nearer the age of such couples will obviously be able to establish a better relationship with them, and bring them into active participation in the worship and work of St. James. To that end I will be pleased to see my place taken by a younger priest of vision, enthusiasm, energy and Christian dedication.

The rectorship of this parish is a demanding task. It requires all that a clergyman has to give of time and energy. It is no mis-statement for me to say that this very responsibility has been my pleasure. I have had a truly encouraging and joyous experience among you. Even though I no longer serve as Pastor I shall continue to know you as my friends and brethren in the Lord. I hope that there will be many occasions when we may be together to perpetuate our friendship.

Unless my present intentions are greatly altered I shall make my home in the Philadelphia area, where I will be near enough to visit the place and people who have deeply enriched my life for a quarter of a century.

Assuring you of my continued interest in St. James and in you, each of you, I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE VESTRY'S COMMITTEE

A Committee, consisting of the following persons, has been formed to assist the Vestry in the selection of a new Rector: Mr. Daniel Apostolu, Chairman, (KI 3-7068); Mrs. Ann Hewlings, (GR 2-1847); Mr. Edward Hosbach, (SA 6-0259); Mr. Harry Reppel, (LE 4-1428); Mrs. Naomi Smith, (MA 3-7371); Mr. Richard Tustin, (SA 7-3356).

This prayer is recommended for use of all parishioners as the Vestry and the special committee with the council of the Bishop seek to fulfill successfully their responsibility:

O Lord God, who hast called us into the fellowship of thy Church, we pray thee on behalf of St. James Parish. Especially do we ask for the guidance of thy Spirit as we seek a priest to serve as Rector, and as pastor to this people. Offering this prayer of earnest supplication we express our intention of loyalty, trustfulness, and devotion so that as a congregation we may go forward unto the accomplishing of thy holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas Offering. For those who contribute regularly it is an opportunity to do a little more for the Church. For those who give only occasionally it is an occasion to make a very liberal offering as an expression of gratitude to God, and of appreciation for this Church.

These Christmas contributions are greatly needed by your Vestry to balance our accounts for 1965.

"He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians IX:6,7.

The Calendar for the Advent and Christmas Season is as follows:

Sunday, December 12th	7:45 P.M.	"Lucia Fest" a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann.
Sunday, December 19th	9:30 A.M.	Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering
Sunday, December 19th	11:00 A.M.	"A Carol Service with Nine Lessons for Christmas" (Music by Theron Kirk).

Friday, December 24th	11:00 P.M.	The Holy Communion with hymns and Carols
Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day	8:15 A.M.	The Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 28th	7:30 P.M.	Sunday School Christmas Party for the entire school: Nursery and all classes.

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BAPTISMS: Anthony Joseph Buccilli, Jennifer Susan Atchison, Raymond Joseph Brosius, Cherilyn Elizabeth Dorsey, Anthony Baron Colangelo, Roberta Marie Colangelo, Todd Michael Belville, Rose Marie Carlberg, John Carl Thompson, Jr., Sara Jane Warner, Amy Virginia Rowlings, Hubert Edward Schreiber, Gary John Anderson, Jr., Frank William Callo, Jr., Harold Edward Kissling, Ann Marie Bannon, Joanne Marie Kowchak, Dianna Lynn Kaufman, Joanne Louise Sucher, Joyce Wade Chestnut, Jonathan Joseph Gemmer, Renee Ann Damiani, Maureen Agnes Tustin, Guy Naylor Dixon Francis, Charles Raymond Wharton, Jr., Michael Douglas McGowan.

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CONFIRMATIONS: Marilyn Elaine Adams, Richard Dunstan Christie, Jr., Laurel Diane Chowning Coons, Zello William Davis, Jr., Bernice Ann Doyle, Lawrence Reese Fitzgerald, Sr., Marie Frances Franklin, Michael Elmer Gardner, Alfred Thomas Hans, James Richard Hastings, John George Hughes, Robert James Hughes, Clyde Alan Ingram, Clyde Young Ingram, Judith Anne Johnson, Earl Lawrence Kidd, Kathlee Louise Kidd, Carilee Kuhener, Frank George Kunze, Jr., Robert Frank Lewis, Jeanette Christine Martin, Marsha Jean Martin, Terry Ann McKissick, Martha Dawn McNeff, Daniel Robert Navarro, Erma May Paul, Kathy Frances Peck, Linda June Peck, William Thomas Phipps, Shirley Jane Hart Pine, Robert Bruce Steveline, Cecil Roman Trowbridge, Lillian Rose Biester Trowbridge, Robin Anne Watts.

The following was received into the Episcopal Church: Martha Rita Grow Colangelo.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Allan Edward Sterling from the Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia, Pa.; Diana Fritzges Hans from Christ Church, Milton, Pa.; Andrew W. Knox from Holy Comforter, Philadelphia, Pa. Jean Katherine Harper Kaufman from The Church of the Atonement, Laurel Springs, New Jersey; Jane Ann Gillin and Jennie Thompson Gillin from Trinity Memorial, Philadelphia, Pa.; Zello Davis, Sr. from St. Marks, Jim Thorpe, Pa.; Ellen M. Brooks from the Memorial Church of St. Paul, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rose Jane Thomas, Frederick H. Thomas, Jr. from St. Barnabas, Haddington, Philadelphia, Pa.; Doris Acker Samuelson from St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia, Pa.

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TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Doris Harrison Hoeffler to St. Paul's, Chester, Pa.; Marylyn May Cohen to Christ Church, Media, Pa.; Arlene Anthony Miller to St. James, Prospect Park, Pa.; Mary Emily Jones Cerbo, Ruth Elizabeth Jones to Church of the Atonement, Laurel Springs, New Jersey; Leona Anna Carson Carr to Trinity, Collingdale, Pa.; Mary Ethel Conlin Monahan to St. Stephen's, Clifton Heights, Pa.; Mary Catherine Craddock Johnson, Glenn Albert Johnson to St. James, Mill Creek Hundred, Wilmington, Delaware; Victory Murray, Jr. and Phyllis Emily Jasinski Murray, John Joseph Steveline and Sarah E. Steveline, Joseph Gary Steveline, Linda Susan Steveline, Robert Bruce Steveline to St. Michael's, Yeadon, Pa.; Kenneth John Crowers and June Marjorie Perkins Crowers to Incarnation, Drexel Hill, Pa.; Eleanor Sweeney Halpin to Messiah, Gwynedd, Pa.; James McBride Jones and Letitia Best Jones to Grace Church, Haddonfield, New Jersey; Nancy Dillmore Sampson to St. Mark's, Hammonton, New Jersey; William K. Scott, Sr. and Freida White Scott to St. Martin's - in - the - field, Selbyville, Delaware; Donald A. Stuart to Atonement, Morton, Pa.; Margaret Catherine Magargal to St. Elizabeth's, San Diego, California; Robert James Spence and Dorothy Virginia Spence to Holy Comforter, Aronomink, Drexel Hill, Pa.; Carol Lee VanFosson to St. Simeon's-by-the-Sea, Wildwood, New Jersey.

MARRIAGES: Dennis Raymond Curry and Lenore Kathryn Bugey; Roger Keith Hughes and Barbara Ann Conlin; Edward R. Anderson and Alberta Mae Nolte Morsello; Glen Edward Adams and Anita Louise Hosbach; Harry Edmund Hassan and Anne Elizabeth McClure; James Craig Thomas and Ethel May Hess; John Joseph Pearson and Diane Danhardt; Howard Stegemann and Margaret Ann Nonemacker; Robert DiBona and Beverly Ann Brosius; Warren John Dunning, Jr. and Margaret Elizabeth Robinson.

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BURIALS: Charles A. Johnston, Laura Hasson, Robert C. Brown, Gilbert H. Bulley, Daisy H. Stevenson, William H. Brown, Bertha Plummer, M. Jane Schaum, William R. Foss, William George Pike, Harry J. Boyd, Louis J. Myers, Margaret Esher, Rocco V. Milano, Joseph F. Smith, Frederick A. Thomas, Helen L. Baumann, Walter J. McKnight, Alfred Batty, Earl Edmund, Nicholas J. Romano, Jr., Sarah Hamilton, Mary E. Acker, Paul F. Addlesberger, Mabel M. Foss, Alfred E. Hynds, Earl C. Willoughby, George A. Stirk, Harvey H. Price, Rebecca Evans, Quinton P. Shaffer, Arthur E. Cloves, Anna M. Wade, Anna Mae Tidman, George B. Smith, Nellie Macauley, Francis K. McNaull, Walter Hackerty.

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Paradise of God."

A BEQUEST

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Buchanan provided in her will that her estate be divided between the Divinity School and St. James Church. St. James received as its share \$ 4,725.50 which monies, as directed by the testatrix, will be placed in the parish endowment fund.

This was a very thoughtful act on the part of Mrs. Buchanan. We are hopeful that all parishioners will make some provision in their wills for this parish church, and for the affiliated Church institutions. Any persons who have such intention, if they desire information or suggestions, may consult the Rector.

THE SEXTONS

Mr. Henry O. Maxwell who has served St. James as a sexton for over twenty-five years is planning to make his residence in Florida. He continues to be on the staff at St. James until the time of his moving. As of October 1st, Mr. Robert Kidd was appointed Custodian. We greatly appreciate his willingness to assume this responsibility. And we are especially grateful to Henry for long and faithful years of service to his parish church.

Items of interest:

The Rev'd. Ronald E. Joseph who, prior to his ordination was a member of this parish, was instituted as Rector of the Church of St. James the Less, Philadelphia, on September 26th.

The Rev'd. G. William Truitt, a former member of St. James, was instituted as Rector of St. Luke's Church, Seaford, Delaware on Sunday, November 14th.

On October 1st the Rector commenced his 25th year at St. James Church. While we are on the subject, Miss Jenks assumed her responsibilities at St. James, and Miss Bixler became Organist and Choir Director on September 15, 1947.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE

Do you ever have the desire to express your gratitude to God for a special blessing? The least that one should do is to say "Thank you, God." But a gesture, an outward and visible sign of thanksgiving, is a way of expressing one's appreciation by more than words. Recently the Rector received this note from two parishioners:

"Dear Mr. Gilbert:

Please accept this check as our anniversary gift to God. He has, in the twelve years we have been married, given us many gifts. We are humbly grateful to Him for the greatest gift - our love for each other.

Sincerely,"

YOUR NAME AND THE PARISH REGISTER

Occasionally some people will say to a pastor, "I concluded that, since I have not been attending Services of Divine Worship, my name was 'dropped' from the rolls of the Church."

Such persons are under misapprehension. Names are never 'dropped' from the Parish Register. Whatever happens is noted in the Register. Thus if one were excommunicated, or were inactive, or were transferred to another Parish, a statement would be inserted. Later, if the person were to resume his place in the worship of this parish, a notation would be made, e.g., the "I" for inactive would be removed, et cetera. The Register is a permanent record with informative notations.

The parish file is another matter. That is a card index with the names of active members included. When any become indifferent and inactive their name is removed from the file. Hence they receive no mail from the Church since seemingly they desire none of the privileges or responsibilities of Church membership.

MEN IN MILITARY SERVICE

We will appreciate your mailing to the Rectory the addresses of all persons affiliated with St. James who are serving in the Armed Forces. Periodically a letter is sent to each in an effort to assure them that they are not forgotten by us.

We ask that no one place anything in the literature cabinet without first consulting the Rector. Sometimes irrelevant or inflammatory material is inserted to our embarrassment. Obviously, any person taking material from our rack assumes that we have approvingly placed it there.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

These classes are now in session but it is not too late to enroll. Interested persons may speak to the Clergy, or come to one of the sessions. Children's instruction, Sundays at 4 P.M.; resuming on January 9th. (Adults may attend the Children's classes.)

Senior High School Students and Adults meet on Thursdays at 8 P.M.; resuming on January 6th (In the Sparks Memorial Building).

The usual June Parish-family Letter was omitted this year. The Vestry had planned to send a letter announcing a financial campaign for necessary improvements. Later it was decided to postpone this campaign until further examination of our parish needs could be made.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1966
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

The events of the past several months, culminated by our beloved Rector's Farewell Service on Sunday, February 27, 1966 and subsequent retirement, have brought our Parish Family into a new and strange era. While a reality, it is difficult for us to realize and fully comprehend that Mr. Gilbert has shed the yoke of responsibility as Rector of St. James, Kingseessing which he bore so unselfishly and triumphantly for a quarter century. Although our hearts are heavy at the seeming loss of one whose ministry has had such an impact on each of our lives, we rejoice with him for having "run the good race" and achieved his victory for Christ.

Officially, we are now a Parish without a Rector. This places two heavy responsibilities upon our Vestrymen and Wardens. First, provision must be made for maintenance of services, and, secondly, a new Rector must be sought, nominated, elected, called and, finally, instituted.

This first responsibility has been successfully accomplished in that the Rev. William H. Fox has graciously agreed to conduct Sunday Worship Services at St. James until such time as a new Rector is instituted. Father Fox, whom we all know from his previous service to St. James, now comes to us with a mission. His mission will be to nurture and sustain our common bond of regular corporate worship from which each of us may draw the spiritual grace, strength and wisdom to go forward as a prayerful and united Parish Family to the glory of God. Let us all whole-heartedly resolve to support Father Fox in his mission at St. James by finding our way each Sunday to God's House and thereby attest to our commitment to Christ and our concern for the well being of St. James.

Of uppermost concern at the present time to all of us is the matter of a successor to Mr. Gilbert and rightly it should be. Securing a new Rector is a slow, deliberate, diligent and prayerful process. The next few years will be critical but challenging ones for St. James which makes the task of calling a new Rector doubly important. For while we are the heirs of a long, rich history, filled with tradition and noteworthy accomplishments, the challenge of the future is upon us today. That challenge will rest squarely upon the shoulders of the new Rector. May God in his infinite goodness and love grant to those responsible for making this decision the wisdom to seek and find the one best man for the spread of His Kingdom in our parish. Let each of us pray daily for God's guidance and grace in this endeavor.

Faithfully yours,

Harry C. Rippel
Rector's Warden

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The following was baptized conditionally: Karole Lynne Riley.

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CONFIRMATIONS: Robert DiBona, James Russell Graves, Lawrence Charles Stephens, Jr.

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TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Joan Ellen Fisher Perrigo to St. Paul's, Barstow, California; Robert Alan and Sarah Myra Rhine Evans to St. Jude and the Nativity, Lafayette Hills, Pa.; Mary Jane Gormand Riley to St. Simeon's-by-the-Sea, Wildwood, N.J.; Althea V. Smith Bartlett to St. Alban's, Newtown Square, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Joseph Benson Chambers, Jr. and Phyllis Virginia White; Gary Link Gressel and Dolores Helene Capretti.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Henry F. Abel, Herbert V. Woolfall, Mary A. Raech, Annie Marie Snow, Joseph N. Craw, Harry McCauley, Roy Kelley, August B. Muller, Charles H. Cunningham, Harry B. Rankin, George Henry Ballinger, William J. Wismer, Jr., Arthur F. Wressig, Sr., Francis William Voelcker, John Harrison, Jr., Phillis Delp Mitchell, Elizabeth A. Anderson, Will Terry, George H. Colgan, William Dunn, Thomas Devir, Sarah R. King, Thomas Butterworth, Frank Latchford, Michael J. Harris, James A. Sweeney, Bertha Averell, Elizabeth Chester, Joseph D. Brown, Joseph B. Wood.

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THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, April 11, 1966 at 8:00 P.M.

"The members of the Congregation who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before the meeting of the corporation, shall be all Lay, Baptized, and Confirmed persons of the age of Twenty-One years or upwards, who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual Place of Public Worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the corporation during each of the two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: William J. Conner; Edward F. Hosbach; J. Shaw Stevenson.

Your Vestrymen appeal to you to be present so that you may be informed concerning all matters in our parish affairs.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FORMER RECTOR

My dear friends at St. James:

You certainly crowned my years at St. James with a magnificent Service on Sunday February 27th. Everything was impressive: the music, the addresses, the prayers, the Spirit of praise and reverence. The ushers reported over 700 persons crowded into the Church and Vestry room. Others were standing outside. Some chose to go to the Sparks Building and wait until the Service in the Church was over. (So there were probably 800 persons, or more, in attendance!)

The host of friends who remained for the buffet supper was a source of great satisfaction. The ladies reported that about 680 were served!

I was eager to greet every one present. Doubtless there were those whom I failed to speak with. That failure I regret, for all of you are my friends, and I would want to reassure you of my continued interest and affection.

I suppose I spent more than an hour autographing the photographs!

How diligently so many of you labored for that testimonial to my ministry among you. I am grateful to you for your labor of love, and I can repeat again after this conspicuous day, "I could not ask to live among any finer people than we have, and have had, at St. James Church." You have been an inspiration to me during these years, and I thank God for the privilege of being your pastor and friend.

The gift that you as a Congregation gave me was overwhelming. Mr. Rippel, the Rector's Warden, presented the "purse", a cheque in the amount of \$4500.00. That will enable me to secure certain items that I might otherwise not get; it will assure me of funds to visit my daughter and her family in Switzerland. So I plan to be drawing upon the accumulation of your liberality for some years to come.

Many of you have sent me letters, greeting cards, and personal tokens. For all of this generosity I thank you from the depth of my being. May God give you comparable reward for the joy and reassurance that you have put into my heart as I enter that state called "retirement."

I shall be living in the Rectory until the Vestry arranges for the necessary repairs and redecoration against the arrival of my successor. So, I will be seeing you on occasions, and hoping that all of us will continue to cherish our Christian friendship in the fellowship that we know as St. James Church.

Again, my thanks and the assurance of my affection,

Sincerely,

James C. Gilbert

SUNDAY SCHOOL BAZAAR AND SUPPER

This important project of the Sunday School will be held on Wednesday, April 27th, 5-9 P.M. (Supper 5-7 P.M.). If you would contribute fancy goods, baked articles, white elephant miscellany, etc., kindly notify the Sunday School Superintendent, the Parish House Office SA 7-5265. Mr. Fred Thomas, 1206 Wilson Drive, Upper Darby, Pa., (SU 9-5694) is the Director of the Bazaar.

THE HOLY COMMUNION FOR "SHUT-INS"

Mr. Gilbert will be visiting those who are unable to attend the Church to receive the Holy Communion. It may not be possible to make all the calls before Easter. Some persons will be visited after the Easter festival.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

On Thursday, April 21st we shall be receiving your clean, used clothing for Church World Service. The hours are 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. when members of the Woman's Auxiliary will be in the Sparks Memorial Building to prepare the clothing for shipment to New Windsor, Maryland. As you go through your wardrobe, please lay aside your unwanted garments for this project.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
FALL 1966
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear Friends:

It is hard for me to know what to write to you after my first few months as the pastor of this wonderful Parish. There has been so much activity for me and so little time to sit back and reflect upon all that has happened (this is being written at the end of July) that I hardly know where to begin. I must say that it is a great joy for me to be here and to be working with so many active and dedicated Christians. There are many important things to be done, and I believe we have the means to accomplish them and the people to do the work.

We have a fine staff of Sunday School teachers and officers to carry on the demanding work of educating our children and young people in the Christian faith. I hope every family will be in attendance on Sunday, September 11th, when regular class sessions resume for the year. As you know, Sunday School is at 9:30 on each Sunday morning throughout the year. Children through second grade meet in the Sparks Building for the entire session. Children from third grade up meet in the Church for the Family Service, and then go to the Sparks Building for their classes. A class for adults is held in the Church following the Family Service. New children may be enrolled by bringing them to Sunday School or by calling the Church Office (SA 7-5265) or the Rectory (SA 9-8290).

An Every Family Visitation will be conducted this fall in an attempt to visit all of our members and help to strengthen their ties to St. James Church. Members of the Parish will be going out to make friendly calls on fellow-members. The visitors will want to get certain information from you for our records and will be prepared to answer your questions about St. James Church. I know they will be most welcome by all of you. You will hear more about this in the next few weeks.

The work of our organizations continues and picks up momentum during the fall. There is something for practically everyone at St. James and if you have not yet found the group you are looking for, please speak to me and I shall help you find it or perhaps start it.

You will note below in this letter a few suggestions about our Services, especially with regard to Holy Baptism and Services on Saints' Days and Holy Days. I shall welcome your comments on these: specifically whether you find these things helpful in your own Church life.

I want to express to all the members of the Parish my appreciation for the help that has been given to me in my first days here by Dr. Gilbert. I trust that he will be very much a part of our Parish life for many years to come. For your information his address is given below.

~~In the midst of all the activity that always comes upon us in the fall, let us not forget that our~~ primary duty as Christians is "to follow Christ, to worship God every Sunday in his Church, and to work and pray and give for the spread of his Kingdom." It is our worship together, and especially in our coming together in the Holy Communion, that we find the strength we need for our lives.

I am looking forward with great anticipation to working with you as your Rector this year and for many years to come. May I wish all of you health and strength in your Christian lives.

Faithfully yours,

Robert C. S. Deacon

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BAPTISMS: Alyce Jeanette McCullough, James Terrence Corcoran, Jr., Howard Walter Willoughby, Karyn Hughes, Steven Ronald Carlberg, Sherry Ann Morgan, Jennifer Lynn Daley.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Ruth Anne Christie, Anthony Baron Colangelo, Deborah Ann Gillin, Thomas Joseph Gillin, Linda Jean Harvey, Robert William Hastings, Richard Robert Jones, Barbara Ann Kleckner, Sandra Elaine Paul, Shirley Arlene Paul, Karole Lynne Riley, Wayne Robert Ryback, Nancy Elizabeth Schultz, Barbara Ann Snyder, Kathleen Lynn Sullivan, Patricia May Wagner, Jo-Ann Willoughby, Janet Ann Wolfgang.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Audrey C. Everson from Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, N. J.; Howard Cohill Hunter from St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia; Marta H. Deacon from Zion Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Roberta May Cosgrove to Grace Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Robert and Ida Humes Dugan to St. Barnabas, The Villas, N.J.; Josephine and Mary MacLearn to All Saints, Darby, Pa.; John Robert and Jane Gray McCormick Wilson to Holy Trinity, Collingswood, N.J.; William P. and Dorothy Carr Fitzgerald to All Saints, Rhawnhurst, Philadelphia, Pa.; Helen Joann Mattes to St. James, Green Ridge, Pa.; Harry Bruce and Helen Frances Dermond Brown to St. Peter's, Broomall, Pa.; Charlotte Elizabeth McMenamin Boch to St. James, Prospect Park, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Frederick George Buck and Audrey Claire Everson; Lee Herbert Gressel and Ellen Marie Connery.

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BURIALS: Laura Addlesberger, Albert J. Laird, Joseph E. Hoffmeister, Charles H. Burck, Ann L. Bratton, Charles A. Smith, Mary A. Knob, Hans Krabbenhoft, George F. Pounding, Ellen Forsythe, Martinella Ringgold, Catherine C. Elliott, Charles Reese Ward, Robert William Bell, Jesse V. Hoffecker, James R. Taylor, Joseph Moran, Richard Aitken, Albert Morris, Beatrice Knowles, Clinton K. Laird, Charles R. Barnett, Walter S. Printz, William F. Goldhahn, Harold A. Schuman, Marie Sharp, James Campleman, Mary (Mae) Deserino, Frank K. Fulmer, Warren W. Bowman, Isabella McDade.

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SERVICES OF HOLY BAPTISM

Beginning in October some of the Services of Holy Baptism will be scheduled at the Morning services. This will not only demonstrate visibly the fact that Baptism is an entrance into the "Congregation of Christ's flock" with the congregation there to receive the newly Baptized person, but will also give each Baptized Christian in Church an opportunity to recall his own Baptismal vows. Baptism will ordinarily be administered on the second Sunday of each month, following the lesson at Morning Prayer, according to the following schedule:

Sunday, September 11	2:00 P.M.
Sunday, October 9	11:00 A.M.
Sunday, November 13	9:30 A.M.
Sunday, December 11	2:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 8	11:00 A.M.
Sunday, February 12	9:30 A.M.

Special arrangements at other times will be made if necessary. Please call the Rectory when you have a child to be Baptized and make a definite appointment.

SAINT'S DAYS AND HOLY DAYS

The Prayer Book designates certain days throughout the year as Saint's Days and Holy Days and provides a Collect, Epistle and Gospel for a celebration of the Holy Communion on those days. Would a Service on those days for which the Prayer Book appoints a proper Collect, Epistle and Gospel (about one or two a month) be helpful and meaningful to our members in their observance of the Christian year? Should such a Service be at an early morning hour, in mid-morning, or in the evening? Please speak to the Rector about this if it is of interest to you. We may try holding a few Services at different times to see how they work out. Watch the Sunday bulletins for announcements.

"INQUIRER'S CLASSES"

Beginning early in the fall a series of "Inquirer's Classes" will be conducted for adults. These classes will cover the basic facts about the faith and practice of the Episcopal Church. Adults of all ages are welcome to attend if interested in becoming a member of the Episcopal Church or simply in learning more about the Church. Husbands and wives are invited to come together. Watch the Sunday bulletins in the fall for an announcement of these classes.

Confirmation is scheduled this year for Sunday, February 12, 1967, at the Church of the Atonement, 47th and Kingsessing Avenue. Classes for children will also begin early in the fall.

Dr. Gilbert's address is: The Rev'd. James C. Gilbert, D.D.
208 Chester Avenue, Apt. C
Yeadon, Pa. 19050
Telephone: CL 9-3589

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2nd, is World-Wide Communion Sunday. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at all Services that morning. All communicants are urged to be present and to receive Communion that Sunday.

AN EMPTY CUP

At this moment a ragged child in India stands in a long line, a tin cup in his hand, hoping to receive a gift of milk. If he were standing next to you, would you fill his cup? You can, by giving to our Church's agency for helping others. Give the money that buys the milk to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Special envelopes in the Church Vestibule may be placed in the Offering Plates.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
ADVENT 1965
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear People:

At the Congregational meeting on Easter Monday I announced that it was my intention to retire during the next year. Accordingly I submitted a letter of resignation at the October session of the Vestry proposing February 28, 1966 as a date for me to terminate my position as Rector of St. James Church. You may be assured that this decision has come uninfluenced by any persons or circumstances other than my own conscientious opinion that St. James should have a much younger clergyman to provide the leadership that is needed if it is to grow in numbers and influence. We are becoming increasingly a Congregation of older people. Many of those younger members who might have kept our ranks more vigorous have moved away. Some younger people are moving into this area, and others will settle here as the Eastwick section is developed. A clergyman who is nearer the age of such couples will obviously be able to establish a better relationship with them, and bring them into active participation in the worship and work of St. James. To that end I will be pleased to see my place taken by a younger priest of vision, enthusiasm, energy and Christian dedication.

The rectorship of this parish is a demanding task. It requires all that a clergyman has to give of time and energy. It is no mis-statement for me to say that this very responsibility has been my pleasure. I have had a truly encouraging and joyous experience among you. Even though I no longer serve as Pastor I shall continue to know you as my friends and brethren in the Lord. I hope that there will be many occasions when we may be together to perpetuate our friendship.

Unless my present intentions are greatly altered I shall make my home in the Philadelphia area, where I will be near enough to visit the place and people who have deeply enriched my life for a quarter of a century.

Assuring you of my continued interest in St. James and in you, each of you, I remain

Sincerely your friend and pastor,

James C. Gilbert

THE VESTRY'S COMMITTEE

A Committee, consisting of the following persons, has been formed to assist the Vestry in the selection of a new Rector: Mr. Daniel Apostoly, Chairman, (KI 3-7068); Mrs. Ann Hewlings, (GR 2-1847); Mr. Edward Hosbach, (SA 6-0259); Mr. Harry Reppel, (LE 4-1428); Mrs. Naomi Smith, (MA 3-7371); Mr. Richard Tustin, (SA 7-3356).

This prayer is recommended for use of all parishioners as the Vestry and the special committee with the council of the Bishop seek to fulfill successfully their responsibility:

O Lord God, who hast called us into the fellowship of thy Church, we pray thee on behalf of St. James Parish. Especially do we ask for the guidance of thy Spirit as we seek a priest to serve as Rector, and as pastor to this people. Offering this prayer of earnest supplication we express our intention of loyalty, trustfulness, and devotion so that as a congregation we may go forward unto the accomplishing of thy holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

An envelope is enclosed for your special Christmas Offering. For those who contribute regularly it is an opportunity to do a little more for the Church. For those who give only occasionally it is an occasion to make a very liberal offering as an expression of gratitude to God, and of appreciation for this Church.

These Christmas contributions are greatly needed by your Vestry to balance our accounts for 1965.

"He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians IX:6,7.

The Calendar for the Advent and Christmas Season is as follows:

Sunday, December 12th	7:45 P.M.	"Lucia Fest" a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann.
Sunday, December 19th	9:30 A.M.	Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering
Sunday, December 19th	11:00 A.M.	"A Carol Service with Nine Lessons for Christmas" (Music by Theron Kirk).

Friday, December 24th	11:00 P.M.	The Holy Communion with hymns and Carols
Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day	8:15 A.M.	The Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 28th	7:30 P.M.	Sunday School Christmas Party for the entire school: Nursery and all classes.

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BAPTISMS: Anthony Joseph Buccilli, Jennifer Susan Atchison, Raymond Joseph Brosius, Cheryl Elizabeth Dorsey, Anthony Baron Colangelo, Roberta Marie Colangelo, Todd Michael Belville, Rose Marie Carlberg, John Carl Thompson, Jr., Sara Jane Warner, Amy Virginia Rowlings, Hubert Edward Schreiber, Gary John Anderson, Jr., Frank William Callo, Jr., Harold Edward Kissling, Ann Marie Bannon, Joanne Marie Kowchak, Dianna Lynn Kaufman, Joanne Louise Sucher, Joyce Wade Chestnut, Jonathan Joseph Gemmer, Renee Ann Damiani, Maureen Agnes Tustin, Guy Naylor Dixon Francis, Charles Raymond Wharton, Jr., Michael Douglas McGowan.

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of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Marilyn Elaine Adams, Richard Dunstan Christie, Jr., Laurel Diane Chowning Coons, Zello William Davis, Jr., Bernice Ann Doyle, Lawrence Reese Fitzgerald, Sr., Marie Frances Franklin, Michael Elmer Gardner, Alfred Thomas Hans, James Richard Hastings, John George Hughes, Robert James Hughes, Clyde Alan Ingram, Clyde Young Ingram, Judith Anne Johnson, Earl Lawrence Kidd, Kathlee Louise Kidd, Carilee Kuhener, Frank George Kunze, Jr., Robert Frank Lewis, Jeanette Christine Martin, Marsha Jean Martin, Terry Ann McKissick, Martha Dawn McNeff, Daniel Robert Navarro, Erma May Paul, Kathy Frances Peck, Linda June Peck, William Thomas Phipps, Shirley Jane Hart Pine, Robert Bruce Steveline, Cecil Roman Trowbridge, Lillian Rose Biester Trowbridge, Robin Anne Watts.

The following was received into the Episcopal Church: Martha Rita Grow Colangelo.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Allan Edward Sterling from the Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia, Pa.; Diana Fritzges Hans from Christ Church, Milton, Pa.; Andrew W. Knox from Holy Comforter, Philadelphia, Pa. Jean Katherine Harper Kaufman from The Church of the Atonement, Laurel Springs, New Jersey; Jane Ann Gillin and Jennie Thompson Gillin from Trinity Memorial, Philadelphia, Pa.; Zello Davis, Sr. from St. Marks, Jim Thorpe, Pa.; Ellen M. Brooks from the Memorial Church of St. Paul, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rose Jane Thomas, Frederick H. Thomas, Jr. from St. Barnabas, Haddington, Philadelphia, Pa.; Doris Acker Samuelson from St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia, Pa.

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TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Doris Harrison Hoeffler to St. Paul's, Chester, Pa.; Marylyn May Cohen to Christ Church, Media, Pa.; Arlene Anthony Miller to St. James, Prospect Park, Pa.; Mary Emily Jones Cerbo, Ruth Elizabeth Jones to Church of the Atonement, Laurel Springs, New Jersey; Leona Anna Carson Carr to Trinity, Collingdale, Pa.; Mary Ethel Conlin Monahan to St. Stephen's, Clifton Heights, Pa.; Mary Catherine Craddock Johnson, Glenn Albert Johnson to St. James, Mill Creek Hundred, Wilmington, Delaware; Victory Murray, Jr. and Phyllis Emily Jasinski Murray, John Joseph Steveline and Sarah E. Steveline, Joseph Gary Steveline, Linda Susan Steveline, Robert Bruce Steveline to St. Michael's, Yeadon, Pa.; Kenneth John Crowers and June Marjorie Perkins Crowers to Incarnation, Drexel Hill, Pa.; Eleanor Sweeney Halpin to Messiah, Gwynedd, Pa.; James McBride Jones and Letitia Best Jones to Grace Church, Haddonfield, New Jersey; Nancy Dillmore Sampson to St. Mark's, Hammonton, New Jersey; William K. Scott, Sr. and Freida White Scott to St. Martin's - in - the - field, Selbyville, Delaware; Donald A. Stuart to Atonement, Morton, Pa.; Margaret Catherine Magargal to St. Elizabeth's, San Diego, California; Robert James Spence and Dorothy Virginia Spence to Holy Comforter, Aronomink, Drexel Hill, Pa.; Carol Lee VanFosson to St. Simeon's-by-the-Sea, Wildwood, New Jersey.

MARRIAGES: Dennis Raymond Curry and Lenore Kathryn Bugey; Roger Keith Hughes and Barbara Ann Conlin; Edward R. Anderson and Alberta Mae Nolte Morsello; Glenn Edward Adams and Anita Louise Hosbach; Harry Edmund Hassan and Anne Elizabeth McClure; James Craig Thomas and Ethel May Hess; John Joseph Pearson and Diane Danhardt; Howard Stegemann and Margaret Ann Nonemacker; Robert DiBona and Beverly Ann Brosius; Warren John Dunning, Jr. and Margaret Elizabeth Robinson.

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BURIALS: Charles A. Johnston, Laura Hasson, Robert C. Brown, Gilbert H. Bulley, Daisy H. Stevenson, William H. Brown, Bertha Plummer, M. Jane Schaum, William R. Foss, William George Pike, Harry J. Boyd, Louis J. Myers, Margaret Esher, Rocco V. Milano, Joseph F. Smith, Frederick A. Thomas, Helen L. Baumann, Walter J. McKnight, Alfred Batty, Earl Edmund, Nicholas J. Romano, Jr., Sarah Hamilton, Mary E. Acker, Paul F. Addlesberger, Mabel M. Foss, Alfred E. Hynds, Earl C. Willoughby, George A. Stirk, Harvey H. Price, Rebecca Evans, Quinton P. Shaffer, Arthur E. Cloves, Anna M. Wade, Anna Mae Tidman, George B. Smith, Nellie Macauley, Francis K. McNaul, Walter Hackerty.

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Paradise of God."

A BEQUEST

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Buchanan provided in her will that her estate be divided between the Divinity School and St. James Church. St. James received as its share \$ 4,725.50 which monies, as directed by the testatrix, will be placed in the parish endowment fund.

This was a very thoughtful act on the part of Mrs. Buchanan. We are hopeful that all parishioners will make some provision in their wills for this parish church, and for the affiliated Church institutions. Any persons who have such intention, if they desire information or suggestions, may consult the Rector.

THE SEXTONS

Mr. Henry O. Maxwell who has served St. James as a sexton for over twenty-five years is planning to make his residence in Florida. He continues to be on the staff at St. James until the time of his moving. As of October 1st, Mr. Robert Kidd was appointed Custodian. We greatly appreciate his willingness to assume this responsibility. And we are especially grateful to Henry for long and faithful years of service to his parish church.

Items of interest:

The Rev'd. Ronald E. Joseph who, prior to his ordination was a member of this parish, was instituted as Rector of the Church of St. James the Less, Philadelphia, on September 26th.

The Rev'd. G. William Truitt, a former member of St. James, was instituted as Rector of St. Luke's Church, Seaford, Delaware on Sunday, November 14th.

On October 1st the Rector commenced his 25th year at St. James Church. While we are on the subject, Miss Jenks assumed her responsibilities at St. James, and Miss Bixler became Organist and Choir Director on September 15, 1947.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE

Do you ever have the desire to express your gratitude to God for a special blessing? The least that one should do is to say "Thank you, God." But a gesture, an outward and visible sign of thanksgiving, is a way of expressing one's appreciation by more than words. Recently the Rector received this note from two parishioners:

"Dear Mr. Gilbert:

Please accept this check as our anniversary gift to God. He has, in the twelve years we have been married, given us many gifts. We are humbly grateful to Him for the greatest gift - our love for each other.

Sincerely,"

YOUR NAME AND THE PARISH REGISTER

Occasionally some people will say to a pastor, "I concluded that, since I have not been attending Services of Divine Worship, my name was 'dropped' from the rolls of the Church."

Such persons are under misapprehension. Names are never 'dropped' from the Parish Register. Whatever happens is noted in the Register. Thus if one were excommunicated, or were inactive, or were transferred to another Parish, a statement would be inserted. Later, if the person were to resume his place in the worship of this parish, a notation would be made, e.g., the "I" for inactive would be removed, et cetera. The Register is a permanent record with informative notations.

The parish file is another matter. That is a card index with the names of active members included. When any become indifferent and inactive their name is removed from the file. Hence they receive no mail from the Church since seemingly they desire none of the privileges or responsibilities of Church membership.

MEN IN MILITARY SERVICE

We will appreciate your mailing to the Rectory the addresses of all persons affiliated with St. James who are serving in the Armed Forces. Periodically a letter is sent to each in an effort to assure them that they are not forgotten by us.

We ask that no one place anything in the literature cabinet without first consulting the Rector. Sometimes irrelevant or inflammatory material is inserted to our embarrassment. Obviously, any person taking material from our rack assumes that we have approvingly placed it there.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

These classes are now in session but it is not too late to enroll. Interested persons may speak to the Clergy, or come to one of the sessions. Children's instruction, Sundays at 4 P.M.; resuming on January 9th. (Adults may attend the Children's classes.)

Senior High School Students and Adults meet on Thursdays at 8 P.M.; resuming on January 6th (In the Sparks Memorial Building).

The usual June Parish-family Letter was omitted this year. The Vestry had planned to send a letter announcing a financial campaign for necessary improvements. Later it was decided to postpone this campaign until further examination of our parish needs could be made.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
ADVENT 1966
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear Friends:

When the Son of God was born into this world he was born in a stable. The stable was not a pretty little Nativity scene such as we see portrayed everywhere, with plaster saints and snow white sheep, but a place that smelled of goats and cattle, a barn warmed only by the heat of the animals' bodies. You sat on the ground and laid your baby in the straw and prayed to God you could have a decent room tomorrow. A poor Jewish girl travelling far from home with her husband must have wished for something better for her child, but she did not have much of a choice.

The Son of God came into this life in the situation that prevailed at the moment. He keeps on coming into our lives in whatever circumstances we momentarily find ourselves. Are we sick? He is there. Are we sorrowful, in trouble? He is there. Is our life in a mess, have we failed in some important way? He is with us. Just as his presence changed the stable where he was born into a palace and the manger into a throne, his presence in our lives turns sorrow into joy, darkness into light, doubt and confusion into the purpose and plan of God.

The appreciation of all of us should go to the many workers who made our Parish Visitation such a helpful experience. Approximately 80 persons participated in some capacity, and nearly 500 contacts were made. In many cases the visitor had to call several times to find someone home, and in a few cases it was impossible to contact anyone. The number of hours given to the service of the Church by our volunteer workers is considerable.

As a result of the Visitation several Baptisms have been arranged, a few persons will be brought to Confirmation, visits are being made on some of the sick and shut-in -- all of which is very important in the ongoing life of our Parish Church. Even more important, some 500 homes have been visited in the name of Christ, and I have been given a great deal of help in getting to know our congregation.

I want to thank you for your cooperation in receiving the visitors into your homes in such a friendly way, and especially do I want to thank the men and women who gave so freely of their time and energies to make the visitation the success it was.

May each one of you with your friends and family have a blessed and joyful Christmas.

Faithfully yours,

Robert C. S. Deacon

An envelope is enclosed for your Christmas Offering. Christmas has become a great commercial festival as well as a religious one. Americans will probably be spending more money this year on Christmas than ever before. It would be especially fitting for Christians to give a portion of the money they will be spending on Christmas to Christ's Church.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)

The Calendar for the Advent and Christmas Season is as follows:

Sunday, December 11th	7:45 P.M.	"Lucia Fest" a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann. Preacher: the Rector.
Sunday, December 18th	9:30 A.M.	Christmas Tableaux for Sunday School. Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering.
	11:00 A.M.	"A Carol Service with Nine Lessons for Christmas" (Music by Theron Kirk).
Saturday, December 24th	3:00 P.M.	Children's Christmas Service.
Christmas Eve	11:00 P.M.	The Holy Communion with Hymns and Carols.
Sunday, December 25th	8:15 A.M.	The Holy Communion
Christmas Day	11:00 A.M.	The Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 27th or Wednesday, December 28th	7:30 P.M.	Sunday School Christmas Party for the entire school: Nursery and all classes. (See Sunday bulletin for exact date).

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BAPTISMS: Herbert John Ruh, James Michael Greager, Timothy Edward Greager, Douglas Matthew Harvey, Denise Lorraine Donaldson, Howard Stegemann, Jr., Bettelou Chattin, Edna May Jackson, Steven Richard Smiley, Eugene Patrick Smiley, William Norman Wood, Wayne Joseph Petrella, Jr., James Brian Myers, James Robert Bogstad, Jr., Julie Ann Buck, Nancy Colleen Reiber, Kimberly Ann Willoughby.

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TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: David Louis Norris from Trinity, Washington, D.C.; Wilfred Drew Chapman, Jr. and Emily Clara Wagner Chapman, George Edwain Chapman, Alinda Jane Chapman from St. Stephen's, Norwood, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Dorothy Burton Strance to Holy Comforter, Drexel Hill, Pa.; Alma Gamberone to Trinity, Collingdale, Pa.; Thomas Frederick and Nancy Elizabeth Needham Allen to St. Alban's, Wilshire Hills, Pa.; Harold Lester Greenawalt to St. James, Prospect Park, Pa.; Alfred Thomas and Diana Fritzges Hans to Christ Church, Milton, Pa.; Richard Dunstan Christie, Sr. to All Saints, Darby, Pa.

MARRIAGES: David George Hinkle and Carol Lee Fredericks; Frank George Kunze, Jr. and Darlene Virginia Williamson; Ethan Timothy Smith and Ellendale Garber Rhine.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: David B. Goukas, Nicholas Averell, Lewis H. Johnson, Florence S. Martine, Edward Lloyd, Neva Gilbert, Ellen B. Haertter, Frederick O. Bremer, William F. McConnell, Carl W. Quick, Pauline E. Laughlin, Lena Colflesh Hush, Erma V. Lucas, Anna May Janney, Thomas E. Lavin, Caroline Williams.

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Apostolic Rite of Confirmation will be administered to Candidates from St. James Church at the Church of the Atonement, 47th Street and Kingsessing Avenue on Sunday, February 12, 1967. The Rt. Rev. Andrew Y. Y. Tsu, Bishop of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui (The Holy Catholic Church in China) will be the officiant. Bishop Tsu, who is 80 years old, has been a great friend of all in the Diocese of Pennsylvania since his coming here after his retirement.

Instruction for young people is held each Sunday at 4 P.M. (resuming on January 8, 1967). Classes for adults are held on Thursday nights at 8. Any persons who wish to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church should call the Rectory or Church Office. Arrangements will be made for private instruction if it is not possible to attend the classes.

HOLY BAPTISM

Holy Baptism is ordinarily administered on the second Sunday of the month at one of the morning Services or in the afternoon. To make arrangements for Baptism, please call the Rectory.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Church envelopes for 1967 are in the Church and may be picked up at your convenience. Sets of envelopes have been prepared for those who have made a pledge for 1967 or who used envelopes last year. Anyone desiring a set of envelopes may obtain them by notifying an usher.

The book case in the Church vestibule houses the Parish Library. These books are for your use and enjoyment. Please feel free to borrow them. We ask that when a book is taken you sign your name and the title of the book in the notebook provided for this purpose, and that you return the book within a reasonable time (a month or so). We hope to add books that will be of help and interest to our members from time to time. In particular we hope to provide a few good children's books. The library will be just as effective in the work of Christian Education as you make it.

In addition to the library the literature cabinet contains tracts and pamphlets of general interest. They are changed from time to time, and if you do not see what you are looking for, ask the Rector for it. A contribution of about 10¢ for each booklet will help to cover the cost. Envelopes are provided for this purpose. Pew size Prayer Books and Hymnals are also available in the literature cabinet and may be purchased for 75¢ each.

The Church is open daily from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (Saturday to 12 Noon) for private prayer and meditation. Why not stop in for a moment when you are in the neighborhood to offer a prayer for your own needs and for your Parish in this sacred place which has been hallowed by the worship of almighty God for more than 200 years?

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1967
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear Friends:

It was my great joy and privilege on February 12th to present to Bishop Tsu twenty-three persons to receive the Laying-on-of-Hands in Confirmation and three persons to be received into the Communion of the Episcopal Church. Their names are listed elsewhere in this letter, and I am sure that you will all do your utmost to make them feel welcome as members of our Parish family. It was very encouraging to me to be able to present this fine class and to administer Holy Communion to them on the following Sunday. Confirmation and Communion are two of the greatest privileges of Church membership and should not be taken lightly by any churchman.

One of the questions that is often asked by new members is how often one should receive Holy Communion. While there is no strict rule on this, and it is something each Christian must ultimately decide for himself, the Church does offer some guide lines upon which to base our decision.

First of all, the Canon Law of the Church states that in order to be a "Communicant in Good Standing" a person must receive Communion at least three times in the year. This is really the minimum standard for Episcopalians. At the other end of the scale are those persons who try to receive Communion daily. Services are provided here at St. James on all Sundays and major Holy Days. Coming to Communion every Sunday was the practice of the early Christians and has much to commend it. Most members, I suppose, try to receive Communion at least once a month, and this seems to be the norm among Episcopalians. Whatever you decide upon as your own standard, try to be faithful to it.

Remember also that it is our bounden duty to worship God every Sunday in his Church, if at all possible. I know there are many persons who would worship with us but cannot because of age or illness or distance. Take full advantage of your opportunities while you are able. Do join with us at our Holy Week and Easter Services, but do not neglect the rest of the year. Remember that each Sunday is a little Easter, and a time for the Christian congregation to gather together to offer worship to almighty God.

My best wishes to all of you for a blessed Easter season.

Sincerely,

Robert C. S. Deacon

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 19th	8:15 A.M.	Holy Communion
	9:30 A.M.	Family Service and Church School
	11:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer and Sermon (Distribution of Palms at each Service)
Maundy Thursday	8:00 P.M.	Holy Communion
Good Friday	12:00 Noon	Service for Young Churchmen
	12:30 - 2:00 P.M.	Meditations on the Passion
	2:00 - 3:00 P.M.	Faure - "Requiem"
Easter Even (Saturday)	4:00 P.M.	Holy Baptism

EASTER DAY

6:30 A.M.	Holy Communion
8:00 A.M.	Holy Communion (Hymns)
9:30 A.M.	Family Service and Church School (Flowering of the Cross)
11:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon

(Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day)

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, March 27, 1967 at 8:00 P.M.

"The members of the Corporation who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before the meeting of the corporation, shall be all Lay, Baptized, and Confirmed persons of the age of Twenty-one or upwards, who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual Place of Public Worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the corporation during each of the two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: Daniel R. Apostolu, James Colsher, Harry C. Rippel.

EASTER OFFERING

The Easter Offering is a significant item in our Parish budget. It is used toward the current expenses of the Church.

"While we have time, let us do good unto all men: and especially unto them that are of the household of faith." Galations 6:10

THE PARISH REGISTER
November 21, 1966 to February 28, 1967.

BAPTISMS: Dawn Marie Eckardt, Dawn Marie Bellochio, James Craig Thomas, Jr., Carolyn Rose Mansfield, Nancy Kay McWilliams, Thomas Bryant Rugh, Laura Johnson Burg, Henry George Fulmer, Jr., Evelyn Lorraine Barth, John David Norris, Kim Ellen Gressel, Dawn Elizabeth Anthony, Leah Marie Anthony, Patricia Ann Kiley.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Charles William Borie, Lynn Maureen Eubanks, Warren Thomas Franklin, Patricia Gwendlyon Fulmer, Judith Marie Harvey, Gail Leslie Hemphill, John Paul Henry, Barbara Ann Hoch, Carol Ann Hoch, David Wayne Hunter, Gary Stephen Morgan, William Paul Morgan, James Tawes Pritchett, Paul Edward Ramsey, Linda Jean Rippel, Carol Ann Ryback, Stephen Joseph Schmehl, Linda Ann Sims, Steven Michael Sims, Joanne Elizabeth Ulrich, Karen Cecelia Ulrich, Muriel Harrison Walters, Edward James Ward.

The following were received into the Episcopal Church: Thelma Marie Fulmer, Dolores Helene Gressel, Carol Marie Walker.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Raymond and Thelma Watts to Grace Church, Haddonfield, N.J.; Elizabeth Rechner Belville to St. Stephen's, Norwood, Pa.; Leslie Elmore and Anna Marie Anuzis Wolfgang, Carl Leslie Wolfgang, Janet Ann Wolfgang to Redeemer, Springfield, Pa.; Pauline R. Green to St. Michael's, Yeadon, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Kenneth Edward Simon and Jane Catherine Elliott; Harold Schlosser and Violette C. Ryken.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Allen K. Scherer, Julius C. Lucas, Harry E. Keith, Sr., Mary A. MacLearn, Judith Fury, Earl H. Levers, Jr., Florence Edwards, Lena Aufderheider, Carrie Schwenke, Norman C. Higman, Harry G. Bartleson, Lillian A. Waite, James Edward Gamble, Laura H. Lippincott, James McKinney, Margaret A. Furey, Marion Woolfall, Walter C. Schulze, Edna H. Davis, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Edwin A. Hood, Clara M. Heckroth, Joanna Tittermary, Leona Johnson Simpler, John Gilligan, Alice Markham.

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CLOTHING COLLECTION

The Annual Spring Clothing Collection will be held sometime in April when your clean, used clothing will be received for Church World Service. As you go through your wardrobe, please lay aside your unwanted garments for this project. Watch the Sunday bulletins for the announcement of the date of this collection.

CHURCH SCHOOL BAZAAR AND SUPPER

The Annual Bazaar and Baked Ham Supper will be held on Wednesday, April 26th from 5 to 9 P.M. (Supper from 5 to 7 P.M.) We need the help and support of every teacher, student and parent. If you would contribute fancy goods, baked articles, white elephant miscellany, etc., please notify the Parish House Office SA 7-5265 or the Director of the Bazaar, Mr. Fred Thomas, SU 9-5694.

OUR SERVICEMEN

A copy of this letter is going to our members in the Armed Forces. Let us all remember these men in our prayers, and pray earnestly for peace in our world.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR "SHUT-INS"

Dr. Gilbert will be assisting the Rector in taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-in during the Lenten and Easter Seasons. To make arrangements for private Communion at any time, please call the Rectory, SA 9-8290.

WHAT IS A COMMUNICANT?

In order to be a Communicant of St. James Church a person must either 1) have been Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church as a member of this Parish; or 2) have been enrolled as a Communicant of another Episcopal Church and have been officially transferred to St. James Church.

Members who have not received Holy Communion during the year are considered to be inactive.

If you have any question regarding your Communicant status, please check with the Rector.

NEW PRAYER BOOKS AND HYMNALS

Many persons have generously responded to the appeal for Prayer books and Hymnals to be given as memorials. Any others who may desire to give may do so. Please give the name, year of birth and death of the person in whose memory the book is given to the Rector or to Miss Jenks. The cost is 75 cents for small Prayer Books and Hymnals, \$1.15 for large Prayer Books, and \$2.25 for large musical editions of the Hymnal.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Parish Book of Remembrance provides an opportunity for offerings to be made to the Church at the time of a funeral in lieu of flowers. Appropriate cards are sent to the donor and to the family of the deceased. For further information, please speak to the Rector or Miss Jenks.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
SUMMER 1967
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

Dear Friends:

I was very pleasantly surprised on Sunday, June 18th at the Coffee Hour after the 11 o'clock Service to be presented with a beautiful Prayer Book and Hymnal on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of my Ordination to the Ministry. It has been a very interesting and satisfying ten years, and especially so this last year at St. James.

I have seen in so many different ways that the members of St. James love their Church, and this is as it should be. Through loyal attendance at the Services of Worship, through faithful giving, and through active participation in our Parish life, you have made this a strong and vital congregation. The important thing now is to keep up the good work.

Everything we do here is part of a whole. Our Church School, our Choirs, our Worship, our many groups and activities all fit together to make our Parish what it is. The strength of each part gives strength to the whole. Although you personally might be involved in only one or two aspects of the work, your faithfulness in your own place will help to make the whole Church strong.

I am very grateful for your support and encouragement during my first year as your Rector, and I am confident that we can do great things together in the work of the Lord, if we all continue our faithful and active support of our Parish Church.

Faithfully yours,

Robert C. S. Deacon

THE PARISH REGISTER
March 1 to June 30, 1967

BAPTISMS: Holly Ann Poole, Jeffrey George Morgan, Thomas Chad McClelland, Brian Russell Fafette, Ronni Lynn DiBona, Brian Andrew Laurie, Donna Lynn Miller, Raymond Christopher Horn, James Harry Warner, Tracey Ann Johnson, Christopher David Clyde.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATION: Frank Bruce Doyle

The following person was received into the Episcopal Church: Rita Marie Doyle.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Helen Elizabeth Barnes Crivelli from Prince of Peace, Philadelphia; Stewart and Joan Mackey from Holy Innocents, Tacony, Philadelphia; Anita Partington from the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Daniel Robert and Jeanette Agnes Apostolu; Albert, Sr. and Agnes Elmira Tustin; Margaret Peters Boughey to St. Paul's, Camden, N.J.; Frank, Jr. and Caroline Rose Terne to Christ Church, Somers Point, N.J.; Tamara Azile Doyle to St. Thomas, 52nd & Parrish, Philadelphia; Marie K. Burke Irwin to St. Stephen's, Norwood, Pa.

BURIALS: James N. Stewart, Florence Willoughby, Sandra Ellen Boyce, Edward J. Fesq, Anna W. Lentz, Emma L. McLeod, Estella R. Fogarty, Mary Sherrer, Katie Lister, Elwood E. Lackman, George B. Gardiner, James I. Humes, Florence Founds, Charles A. Broomall, James E. Robinson, Edward F. Perring, George H. Ney, William Cain, James Roellig, Edith E. Watkin, Florence E. Gordon, Arthur J. Sainsbury, Robert Ringgold, Eleanor H. Seiberling, Lawrence L. Albertoli, Charles Schofield, Mae Muir, William John Elliott, Helen M. Hollywood, Katherine H. Sturdevant, Ann V. Maxton, Alfred Goltz, Joseph A. Gould, Burton N. Tyler, Joseph Kane, Mary R. Fullerton Haist.

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During the summer months the regular schedule of Services will be maintained at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. At the 9:30 Family Service there will be a period of instruction for adults and children from third grade upwards in the Church. The Lower School will meet in the Sparks Building for a combined session. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9:30 on July 30 and September 3.

The Finance Committee of the Vestry appreciates the measure of support given by our members during the year to date, and urges all members to keep their pledges and envelopes up to date over the summer. If you will be away, perhaps you will wish to mail a check for your offering.

The Rector will be on vacation during the month of August. Dr. Gilbert will officiate at the 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Services on Sundays and may be called upon for pastoral needs. Persons desiring the services of a Clergyman may call him at CL 9-3589. For other Church business, please call the Rectory, SA 9-8290. In case of emergency, the Rector's number in Cape May is 609-884-8527.

The Sunday School picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19 at Clementon Lake Park, New Jersey. All members of the Parish are invited to attend. Buses will leave the Sparks Building, 68th and Woodland at 10:30 a.m. A nominal charge is made for persons other than members of the Sunday School who use the bus for transportation.

NEW PRAYER BOOKS AND HYMNALS

A number of new Prayer Books and Hymnals have been placed in the Church and were dedicated on Sunday, June 11th. All the worn out books have been replaced, and one large Hymnal and two large Prayer Books have been placed in each pew.

CHOIR COTTAS

Twelve new dacron cottas have been purchased by the Chancel Guild for use by the men of the Choir and the Lay Readers.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

The Vestry Room at the rear of the Church has been renovated in the past few months. A new floor, an accoustical tile ceiling, and new lights have been installed. The walls have been panelled, and sliding doors have been put on the closets. The Chancel Guild has helped to underwrite the cost of these improvements.

Two other projects are to be done over the summer. The Church roof will be repaired and painted, and a new floor will be installed in the first floor kitchen of the Sparks Building. These projects are part of our continuing program to maintain our buildings in good condition.

Plans are also underway to make necessary improvements on the second floor of the Sparks Building in order to provide more adequate facilities for our Church School. A report will be made to the congregation as plans progress.

WHO MAY RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

Occasionally the question is asked: "Who may receive Communion in the Episcopal Church?" The answer ordinarily given is: "Anyone who has been Confirmed by a Bishop of the Episcopal Church or a Church in communion with this Church, or anyone who has been Received into this Church." There is nothing in this, however, to prevent a Christian who is a communicant member of another denomination from receiving Holy Communion when he is a guest in an Episcopal Church. The practice of "guest Communion" has been widely accepted and practiced in our Church for many years. In any case, a person wishing to receive Holy Communion, whether a member of the Episcopal Church or another Christian Church should approach the Lord's Table in the spirit of faith, penitence and love.

Bequests made to St. James Church over the years have helped to build up the endowment funds and have paid for a great many physical improvements. When making a will (as everyone should do) consider including your Parish Church.

The Sparks Building is available to members of St. James Church for Wedding Receptions and similar activities. While there is no charge made for the use of the building, nominal charges are made for heat and light and for the services of a sexton. For further details or to make arrangements, please contact the Rector.

Occasionally an older person asks the Rector if he can help him find a place to live. If any of our members would be willing to rent a room or provide room and board for a suitable person, would he please contact the Rector.

The Pennsylvania State Employment Service maintains an Outreach Station at the Paschall Apartments, 7212 Woodland Avenue. Jobs of many kinds are available, and there is a job counselor there to give help and advice.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
ADVENT 1967
THE PARISH-FAMILY LETTER

My dear Friends:

As we approach Christmas this year it is a troubled time for our world. We face warfare and conflict in our world and society, division and alienation among our people, which is quite the opposite of that peace for which we all long. It may help us if we remember that it was into just such a world that the Lord Jesus was born. In him God came to do something about the trouble the world was in.

It is important for us to realize that when Jesus did come, God did not with one dramatic gesture set everything aright. He did not force or coerce men and events into a predetermined course. Rather through the gentle power of love and suffering Jesus set out to win men to his way.

So it shall always be. This is God's world and he is working his purpose out still through the love and suffering of his servants. People may not always understand or accept the work of God's servants. They did not always understand or accept the Lord Jesus. But just as the power of God was hidden in the life of a poor Jewish baby, the power of God is often hidden in the lives and events of our world today. We may not always see the results, but we have confidence that God is still at work to bring a greater measure of peace, justice and love to the world into which his Son was born.

"He came as Saviour to his own,
The way of love he trod;
He came to win men by good will,
For force is not of God." (Hymn 298)

My very best wishes to each of you for a joyous and blessed Christmas.

Robert C. S. Deacon

"Carols by Candlelight" will be the theme of our special Christmas Service this year, to be held on Sunday, December 17th at 7:45 P.M. Our Senior Choir and Girls' Choir will present a program of Christmas music from many lands, and there will be a number of carols sung by the Congregation in the candle-lit and decorated Church. Begin the holiday season at this beautiful Service.

Our full schedule of Christmas Services and activities are as follows:

Sunday, December 17th	9:30 A.M.	Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School. Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering.
	7:45 P.M.	"Carols by Candlelight"
Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve	8:15 A.M.	Holy Communion
	9:30 A.M.	Family Service followed by a showing of the film "Glory in the Highest"
	11:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer and Sermon
	11:00 A.M.	A choral Service of the Holy Communion
Monday, December 25th Christmas Day	10:00 A.M.	Holy Communion
Wednesday, December 27th or Thursday, December 28th	7:30 P.M.	Sunday School Christmas Party for the entire school. (See Sunday Bulletin for exact date.)

Your Christmas Offering is an expression of your gratitude for God's gift of his Son. It helps to maintain the life and witness of our Parish Church.

"While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

THE PARISH CALENDAR
July 1 to November 25, 1967

BAPTISMS: Paul Raymond Wood, Drew Joseph Barnabei, Michael George Easterday, John William Morgan, James Mendez de Acereto, Jr., Stephen Paul Dalterio, Jr., Raymond Paul Dalterio, Edward Charles Bannon, Jason Everett McConomy, Edward John Boylan, Jean-Marie Harvey, Paul Scott Leidy.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Austell Tonkin Gilbert from St. Andrew's, Clearfield, Pa.; Thomas Winfield Averell from St. Peter's, Third and Pine Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Margaret Mae Robinson Gale to Church of the Incarnation, Morrisville, Pa; Carl O. Johnson, Jr. to Christ Church, Ridley Park, Pa.; Mildred Boyd Kulzer to St. John's-in-the-Wilderness, Gibbsboro, N.J.; John Carroll, III and Joan Margaret Robertson Hickey to Holy Comforter, Aronimink, Drexel Hill, Pa.

MARRIAGES: Richard Arthur Frame and Jean Elizabeth Dougherty; Lane Hamilton Yerkes and Marilyn Anne Burnett; Michael Alan Kulzer and Mildred Eleanor Boyd; Thomas Benjamin Bollinger and Joan Marie Hanna; William James Lewis and Roberta Helen Higman; Joseph Edward Anderson and Alice Vivian Kraft.

"Whom God hath joined together."

BURIALS: Jimmy (Joshua) Martin, Elizabeth Jane Prettyman, Sarah E. Coulter, DeWitt G. Denny, George W. Easterday, Theodore P. Blank, John J. McGonigle, George W. Adams, Charles A. Singley, William Schaal, Thomas N. McClung, James S. Saxton, George Shaffner, Charles G. Hinds, Frederick T. Blankley, Florence E. Lemley, Laura H. Hewlings, Edna K. Patterson, Julius Kitzmiller, Lewis R. Frame, John W. Bickel, Ella M. Little, Ruby Stewart, Harry Allison, Andrew Berger, Jr., Joseph Y. White, Sr., Ella Rodgers, Frieda Acton, Lavinia Henry, William Walter Gardner, Austell T. Gilbert, Maud E. Doherty, William Barrett, Mabel Craig Mayhew, William Fischetti, James Gilson Prettyman, Sadie M. Armstrong, Gustave K. Samuelson, William T. Jordan, Florence MacNamee, Florence K. Smith.

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During the past few months two important items of property maintenance and improvement have been carried out. The roof of the Church has been repaired and painted, and the kitchen on the first floor of the Sparks Building has been painted and had new linoleum installed on the floor.

Plans are progressing on the modernization of the second floor of the Sparks Building to create individual Sunday School classrooms. Members of the Parish have been asked to try to increase their weekly giving to the Church in order to help pay for these improvements. Special envelopes are available for those who are not giving in this way but may wish to make a contribution. With the support of all our members this work can be easily paid for.

If you call the Rectory when no one is home your call will now be answered by an operator instead of the recording device. The operator will take your message and relay it to the Rector. In case of emergency, she will be able to get in touch with someone who can be of help. This service is a little more personal than the recording machine.

Occasionally a person will ask if there are still any graves for sale in St. James Cemetery. We do have a limited number of single graves (space for two interments) available for sale to our members and others. There are also a few lots where 2, 3 or 4 graves may be purchased together. Inquiries concerning the purchase of graves should be referred to the Rector.

Confirmation Classes for juniors will begin on Sunday, January 7, 1968 at 4:00 P.M. The classes last for one hour and are held in the Sparks Building. Any young person interested in being Confirmed should be present at the first class. Classes for adults will begin later in the year and will be announced in the Sunday leaflet. Our Confirmation Service this year is scheduled for Sunday, May 5 at the Church of the Saviour.

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church meeting in Seattle in September approved for trial use a new Service of the Holy Communion. This Service does not replace the Prayer Book Service but is to be used occasionally to help the Church decide what kind of changes should be made in future revisions of the Prayer Book. The new Service is an attempt to restore to our Service some of the customs and practices that were used in the early days of the Christian Church. It also uses a more up to date language and gives the congregation a larger part in the Service.

The Clergy of the Diocese have agreed to spend the six month period from January to June 1968 to study and try the new Service. During the month of January we will prepare to use the new Service, and then from February to June we will use it on a regular basis. The Prayer Book Service will also be used so we may have a chance to compare the new with the old. We will also have the opportunity to report our ideas and feelings about the new Service by means of a questionnaire which will be distributed later in the spring.

Nearly all the Churches of the Diocese will be taking part in this trial use of the New Liturgy. The experience of doing this together should help deepen our understanding of the Holy Communion Service, both new and old, as well as help the Episcopal Church decide what form our worship should take in years to come.

Protestant and Roman Catholic Christians throughout the world will be observing the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" from January 18th to 25th. Prayer leaflets will be available in the Church, and we will use a special Litany on Sunday, January 21st at our Services.

Theological Education Sunday is January 28th. An offering is taken each year to help support our seminaries. Last year St. James Church sent \$400.00 to the Philadelphia Divinity School and \$150.00 to the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Several of our Parish organizations also make contributions to the Divinity School.

Church envelopes for 1968 are in the Church and may be picked up at your convenience. Sets of envelopes have been prepared for those who have made a pledge for 1968 or who used envelopes last year. Anyone desiring a set of envelopes may obtain them by notifying an usher.

The Church is open daily from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. for private prayer and meditation.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1968
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear friends:

The message of Easter is a message of hope for us and for all men. The first followers of Jesus discovered this as they huddled together in the upper room in Jerusalem with the doors locked, fearful for their lives. Suddenly they knew the presence of their Lord and Master, raised from the dead, and they began to understand the great power God has over the forces of evil and of death. Filled with a new courage and a new hope the disciples went forth as brave new men to spend their lives in the service of their living Lord.

Generations of Christian believers have had the same experience. Their lives have been filled with new courage and strength as they have known presence of Christ with them. At Easter we celebrate His resurrection and His eternal presence with us and with those we love. In many unseen ways He is with us now. In prayer and worship, in love and friendship with our fellow human beings, in the inspiration and dedication we find in life's goals and ideals, we can know His presence today. This is God's world and we are His people, and so our lives are filled with hope.

May each of us know the power of Christ's resurrection in our lives now and always.

Sincerely,

Robert C. S. Deacon

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 7th	8:15 A.M.	Holy Communion
	9:30 A.M.	Family Service and Church School
	11:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer and Sermon (Distribution of Palms at each Service)
Maundy Thursday	7:45 P.M.	Holy Communion
Good Friday	12:00 Noon	Service for Young Churchmen
	12:30 - 1:45 P.M.	Meditations on the Passion - The Rev. James C. Gilbert, D.D.
	1:45 - 3:00 P.M.	"The Crucifixion" by John Stainer

EASTER DAY

6:30 A.M.	Holy Communion
8:00 A.M.	Holy Communion (Hymns)
9:30 A.M.	Family Service and Church School (Flowering of the Cross)
11:00 A.M.	Holy Communion and Sermon

(Every confirmed person should prepare to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day)

THE EASTER OFFERING

The enclosed envelope is for your Easter Offering. This is an important item in our budget for current expenses.

"All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." (I Chron. 29:14)

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th and Woodland Avenue, on Easter Monday, April 15, 1968 at 8:00 P.M.

"The members of the Corporation who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before the meeting of the corporation, shall be all Lay, Baptized and Confirmed persons of the age of Twenty-one or upwards, who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual Place of Public Worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the corporation during each of the two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: Edward W. Flowers, Stephen M. McFee, Walter J. Robertson.

THE PARISH REGISTER

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BAPTISMS: Debrah Lee Palmer, Frank Blaine Doyle, Michael Robert Rowlings, Victoria Lee Myers, Carl James Rechner, Jr., Gustav William Schestok, III, Dawn Marie Bogstad, Melissa Ann Buck, Michael Dennis Cheadle, Alice Margaret VanSant, Judith Ann VanSant, Cindy Sue O'Mara, Thelma Marie Fulmer.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Ruth Kay Thomas from the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ruth Hannah Duffy Easterday from Gloria Dei (Old Swedes), Philadelphia, Pa.; Myrtle D. Roth from St. John's, Lower Merion, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Mary Jane Fleming Daley to All Saints, Norristown, Pa.; Henry Oliver and Eleanor Ruth Anderson Maxwell to Christ Church, Bradenton, Florida.

BURIALS: Julia Latchford, Gertrude Farren, Nellie A. Canavin, Agnes Deacon, Elizabeth M. Passarella, Martha Tittermary, Emma A. Schleeter, Margaret Batten Murphy, Mary Craddock, Charles G. Kuehner, Harry A. Anderson, Emily T. Harvey, Wilbert F. Cook, John C. Swift, William A. Winsor, Thomas B. Scott, Frederick W. Eckley, J. Frazier McClintic, Minnie Gould, Mary A. Bowman, Edith L. Rechner, Anna Wiggins, Bertha P. Kane, Margaret Green, Margaret S. Hendrickson, Raymond H. Carr, Jr., Walter S. Patterson, Mary Paylor, Martha Jorgenson, Bertha Wyell Smiley.

"May their rest be in peace and their dwelling place
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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

The program for modernizing the second floor of the Sparks Building is making good progress, and we hope to be using the new facilities by Easter. The renovations will provide ten classrooms, an office, a storage room and an auditorium which can be used for large meetings, motion pictures and social activities. The rooms will be furnished with new tables, chairs and cabinets. In addition to the major work on the second floor there will be some refurbishing done on the first floor to maintain the building in top condition.

On the basis of last fall's Every Member Canvass, we expect a substantial increase in our income for current expenses this year. In addition to this the Vestry has received about \$4,000 to date for the modernization fund. This includes a grant of \$1,000 from the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania and a bequest of \$1,700 from the estate of Edna H. Davis. The balance was received from voluntary gifts and from the Book of Remembrance. By Vestry action all funds received through the Book of Remembrance this year will be applied to the modernization fund. We have recently received notice of a bequest of \$5,000 from the estate of Frances P. Hammond. The Vestry plans to apply this money also toward the modernization program.

SCHUYLKILL DEANERY MEETING

The Spring Meeting of the Schuylkill Deanery will be held at St. James Church on Thursday, April 18, beginning with Evening Prayer at 4:30 P.M. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend. Dinner will be served at 6 P.M. and reservations should be made in advance.

THE SPRING FROLIC

The social highlight of the season will be the "Spring Frolic" to be held in the Sparks Building on Friday, April 19 from 9 P.M. to 12 Midnight. The evening for adults will include dancing, entertainment, games, prizes and a delectable smorgasbord for a donation of only \$2.00 a person. Tickets for this affair can be obtained from any member of the Vestry or the Rector.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BAZAAR

The annual Sunday School Bazaar and supper will be held on Wednesday, May 1 from 5 to 9 P.M. (Supper from 5 to 7 P.M.) This is always a well supported affair, and we need the help of every parent and teacher to make it a success. If you can contribute fancy goods, baked articles, white elephants, etc. please notify the Parish House office (SA 7-5265) or the Bazaar Chairman, Mr. Fred Thomas (SU 9-5694). Helpers are always needed.

THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Bishop Andrew Y. Y. Tsu will administer Confirmation at the Church of the Saviour on Sunday, May 4 at 4 P.M. St. Paul's Church, Overbrook, and St. Andrew's and St. Monica's will join St. James at the Service. Plans are being made for a Corporate Communion and breakfast for the Confirmation Class at the 8:15 Service on Sunday, May 11.

Adults who wish to be Confirmed or Received at the Service on May 4 should contact the Rector so instruction can be arranged.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

The annual spring clothing collection will take place on Thursday, May 23 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. in the Sparks Building, when your clean, usable clothing will be received for Church World Service. Warm serviceable clothing and blankets are especially needed. Please do not send hats, bathing suits, ties, formal wear or dresses made of silk or fragile materials.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
FALL 1968
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear friends:

The main concern of our people now is getting back to work. We have many things we must do together during the next few months in the life of our Parish. Our Sunday School will require the faithful and dedicated work of many, as officers and teachers. The teaching ministry of the Church is one of its central endeavors, as we try to equip our people, young and old, not only with the knowledge but also with the faith they need to meet life's challenges. We have excellent facilities and a fine staff to carry on this essential work. Included in our teaching ministry will be our adult class, in which Mr. Jenks will assist, and the Inquirers' Class to be held this fall.

Many of our members will be engaged this fall in our Canvass, in which we will try to maintain the financial strength which has been established in years past. Our buildings are all in excellent condition and we intend to keep them that way. We have a fine staff of full and part time employees. With the cooperation and support of all our members we will be able to maintain our progress and meet rising costs.

Many activities and organizational meetings to serve a wide range of interests will be taking place in our Parish and in our Community in the next few months. The Churches of the Community through the Southwest Philadelphia Ministerial Association are hoping to work more closely together in a number of ways to serve our people better. You will be hearing more about our Parish activities and those outside the Parish in the Sunday bulletins. I hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities to share in Christian fellowship and work.

While all of these activities are going on in the Church, our nation will be engaged in the critically important task of choosing a new President. Who will lead us during these next four years is a question upon which the whole future of our nation may well depend. So though our members may spend a part of their time and energies in the work of the Church, they will also be devoting a part of their efforts in listening to, learning about, even working for the political candidates. This is as it should be, for Christians must be involved in the democratic political processes of our nation if it is to survive as we know it.

Let us get on with our work, in the Church and in the nation, and pray for God's guidance and blessing upon our endeavors and our decisions.

Sincerely,

Robert C. S. Deacon

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BAPTISMS: Mark William Borie, Denise Helen Franklin, John Lee Paul, Harry Joseph Powell, Richard Francis Ross, James Christopher Eckardt, Paul Edward James Tuppeny, Alan Kurt McClelland, Martina Helen Montgomery, Michele Marie Fafette, Deborah Jo Anderson.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

CONFIRMATIONS: Thomas Henry Buck IV, Howard Haschall Clark, Marie Louise Connor, Jack Harrison Jr., Carl Edward Henderson Jr., Richard Henry Harvey, Nancy Jean Henry, Ruth Dixon Maddy, Christine Elizabeth O'Connor, Barbara Joan Parker, Sharon Lynn Parker, John William Paylor, Christine Theresa Pecillo, John Robert Schmehl, Robert Francis Stephens, Lynn Thomas, Joseph Charles Waldov Jr., Marilyn Anne Burnett Yerkes, George Raymond Spence, Robert Bruce Spence.

The following was received into the Episcopal Church: Roberta Kinney.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

MARRIAGES: William Joseph Kerwood, Jr. and Denise Helen Franklin; John Raymond Lehman, Jr. and Miriam Lillian Phillips; John MacCarter, Jr. and Nancy Jean Cole; John C. Myers and Suzanne E. Dowden; Daniel McCarty and Carol Ann Williams; William F. Everetts and Anna Marie Lamotta.

"Whom God hath joined together."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Margaret Moss Hayes, Charles Harold and Edna May Kimball from Prince of Peace, Philadelphia; William R. Kinney from Trinity, Oxford, Philadelphia; Carl Edward, Sr. and Fay Henderson, Linda Catherine Henderson from Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa.

"We have fellowship one with another."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Edith E. Kelleher Maurer to St. Stephen's, Norwood, Pa.; Susanne S. Yerkes Bradshaw to St. Simeon's, North Wildwood, N.J.; James W. McCullough to Christ Church, Woodbury, N.J.

BURIALS: Andrew J. Chester, William F. Pleate, George Elmer Smith, James A. McAllister, Frances Sullivan, Charles Bick, Sr., Michael E. Gardner, William W. Grout, Edward A. Kayser, Bertha Johnson, Elmer I. Weigel, Edward E. Cooley, Clara Fowler, William Samuel Hayes, Elaine Corcoran, Victorine E. Hambridge, Jean G. Kane, Mamie Snell, William B. McNichol, Clyde Spencer, Louise K. Higan, Beatrice G. Davis, Katie Strawley, Hazel Kirby, Anna W. Hammar, William R. Campbell, John Schmehl, May Diem, Mary Shaeffer, Charles Smith, Francis P. Barton, Frank E. Manser, James H. Suhrie, John T. Camac, Benjamin F. Young, Sadie R. McDowell, Helen G.

Ross, Nancy J. McCarthy, Anna C. McGuire, Margaret Martin, Lillian M. Pangburn, Verna V. MacCarter, Alina V. Boyer, Joseph T. Fowler.

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THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

By the time this is received the renovations on the Sparks Building should be finished. The work includes the complete modernization of the second floor to provide individual rooms for the Sunday School classes and a large meeting hall, renovation of the first floor hallway, new lights and painting in a number of the other rooms. We now have a very attractive and usable building in which to conduct our Parish activities. If you have not seen the work in the Sparks building, stop in and inspect it when you have a chance.

The modernizations have been paid for in part by an \$18,000 six year loan from the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The money we have received for the modernization work from a grant from the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, several bequests, voluntary contributions, and the increased pledges of many of our members assure us that we will be able to pay off the loan in good time. For those persons who may wish to contribute to this work from time to time, there will be envelopes in the Church. To all those who have contributed either through special offerings or through increased pledges we are most grateful.

RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Rally Day and the official opening of the Fall season of the Sunday School will be on Sunday, September 15. Following the 9:30 Family Service in Church the classes will meet with their new teachers in the Sparks Building. All members of the Sunday School are urged to be present on Rally Day and get the year off to a good start. New children may be enrolled at any time. Please speak to Mr. Oliver Rhine or Miss Betty Jenks.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

Every Confirmed person should make an effort to come to Church and receive Holy Communion on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 6. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at all three Services: 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 A.M. On this Sunday literally millions of Christians of all churches throughout the world will be joining together in this act of faith and commitment to God. Baptized Christians who are communicant members of other Christian Churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church.

NEW LITURGY QUESTIONNAIRES

Questionnaires to get your reactions and feelings about the Trial Liturgy will be distributed in September. It is important that everyone who has taken part in Celebrations of the trial service fill out a questionnaire. We had a chance to use the new service last spring and have returned to the Prayer Book service exclusively for the summer. During the fall we will use the new service occasionally so that we may make a comparison of the two services. Questionnaires may be picked up in Church during September, and must be returned before October 1.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Several memorial gifts have recently been placed in the Church:

Two Hymn Boards for the side walls of the Nave in memory of James R. and Mahalah Ferris.

An Altar Service Book and a set of White Hangings and Stoles in memory of Olive M. Stiles.

A set of Green Hangings and Stoles in memory of Burton Tyler, Arthur Sainsbury, Michael Gardner, Jennie and Clarence Gardner, and Margaret Agnew Stout.

These gifts are a very fitting memorial for loved ones departed this life and will be a reminder of their life and work. If anyone should wish to place a memorial in the Church, please speak to the Rector so that an appropriate gift can be arranged.

THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Bishop's Committee on Confirmation and Visitation Procedures has recommended a return to Confirmation Services in the individual Parishes where this is desired. The Bishop has announced that this will be the practice, with a few combined services for those Churches who prefer them. We have requested that our Parish Confirmation Service be held here in St. James Church in the spring. While we are assured of having the Service here, the date is not yet certain, as the schedule has not been received. When the Service is held it is hoped that all of our people will respond to this change in practice by being present, if at all possible. This is the best way we can show our approval of the return to the old practice of individual Parish Confirmations.

INQUIRERS' CLASS FOR ADULTS

An Inquirers' Class for adults will be held beginning in October. This class will be open to all adults who would like to know more about the Episcopal Church, whether confirmed or not. Those desiring to be Confirmed are urged to attend, and any who would like to know more about the Church before deciding about Confirmation are especially invited. This will also be a chance for newly Confirmed members as well as old-timers to brush up on the facts of their faith. The time and place of the first meeting will be announced in the Sunday bulletins.

THE LUCIA FEST

Plans are being made for the presentation this December of the Lucia Fest after a one year respite. This Pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs is an important part of the traditions of St. James Church. Under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann and a committee of assistants the program will need the help of many children and parents. Details of the time and date will be announced in the Advent Letter.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Packets of envelopes are available for any who desire to make a weekly contribution. These are "duplex" envelopes: one side is used for this parish, the other for the work of the Episcopal Church and for the various benevolences beyond our Parish limits.

Any person desiring a set may procure one by notifying an usher at any service.

The Church is open daily from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. for private prayer and meditation. Stop in when you have a moment and offer a prayer for the Parish, its ministers and all its people.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
ADVENT 1968
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

My dear Friends:

"I bring you good news of great joy" - with these words the angelic hosts announced to the frightened shepherds that the Saviour of the world was born. Into their difficult and often troubled lives came the word that a different kind of life was possible. God cared enough for them to send them his Son, and in doing so to open up for them the way of truth and love. In a world torn by war and spoiled by injustice, a Child was born, and in that Child were all the hopes of mankind.

It was no accident that Jesus was born into such a world. He came to take the worst we have to give, so that he might give us the best of God's blessings. The good news we hear is not that we can forget the problems of our world and our lives, but that Jesus will face them with us. We need strength today in order to live as God's people. The good news of Christmas is that God gives us this strength in Jesus.

Christmas is a wonderful time, because in it all our hopes and longings are answered. In a moment Christ is with us, and our life has a deeper meaning. Phillips Brooks caught the feeling so well a hundred years ago, when he wrote the words:

"Where children pure and happy pray to the blessed Child,
Where misery cries out to thee, Son of the mother mild;
Where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks, and Christmas comes once more."

May the Lord Jesus be born in your hearts this Christmas season and always.

Faithfully yours,

Robert C. S. Deacon

The Calendar for the Advent and Christmas season is as follows:

Sunday, December 15th	7:45 P.M.	"Lucia Fest"- a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann. Preacher: The Rev'd Milton S. Leber, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown.
Sunday, December 22nd	8:15 A.M.	The Holy Communion.
	9:30 A.M.	Christmas Tableaux for the Sunday School. Presentation of the Children's Christmas Offering.
	11:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer and Christmas Cantata "Before the Paling of the Stars" presented by the Senior Choir.
Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve	3:00 P.M.	Children's Christmas Service.
	11:00 P.M.	The Holy Communion with Hymns and Carols.
Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day	8:15 A.M.	The Holy Communion.
Friday, December 27th	7:30 P.M.	Sunday School Christmas Party for the entire school: Nursery and all classes.

Our Christmas Offering is an opportunity for us to give a token of what we spend on ourselves to the work of almighty God and his Church. "Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

THE PARISH REGISTER
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BAPTISMS: John Michael Thomas, Vera Georgette Berstler, Darren William James Berstler, Melissa Jane Dunning, Howard Robert Ball II, Suzanne Picione, Robert Thomas Nonemacker, Edward Robert Rinick, Robert Reese Winter, Jr., Robert Charles Morgan, Jr., James Allen Kiley, Albert Joseph Lamplugh III, James Joseph Pearson, Susan Catherine Gibson, Dianne Marie Snell.

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inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

MARRIAGES: Charles Albert Wadsworth and Diane Rose Hartman; John Joseph Burke, Jr. and Andrea Ring Stewart; Ray Lincoln Pearson and Shirley Louise Kendter.

"Whom God hath joined together."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Stewart and Joan Mackey to Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, Philadelphia, Pa.; Robert John and Elizabeth Tustin Goodwin to St. Luke's, Newtown, Pa.

BURIALS: Lawrence J. Stephens, Anna M. Oates, Gustav Stromback, Kathryn Bullock, Catherine Baxter, Ellen Marion McNeill, August F. Schleeter, Irvin Schaeffer, Walton C. Kneezel, Robert F. Sauerbrey, Stuart Penman, Sr., Ida M. Grube, Phyllis H. Creamer, Rose Schlevogt, Paul J. Mulholland, Emma Mills, John E. Devine, Rodman D. Lander, Dorothy Blanche C. Cook, Marion F. Chiriaco, Carrie L. Maiers, Lewis Middleton, Raymond Jenks, Margaret E. Wickas.

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Apostolic Rite of Confirmation will be administered in St. James Church on Sunday, March 2, 1969. The Right Reverend Chandler W. Sterling, D.D., former Bishop of Montana will be the Officiant. Bishop Sterling is now resident in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Instruction for young people is held each Sunday at 4 P.M. (resuming on January 5th). Classes for adults will be held on Thursday nights at 8 o'clock, beginning January 16th. Any persons who wish to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church should notify the Rector. Arrangements will be made for private instruction if it is not possible to attend the classes.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

The Sunday School Modernization Program is now complete. Our Sunday School classes have been using the renovated rooms since last spring, and other needed redecoration and improvements have been made on the Sparks Building, including a paint and repair job on the roof.

Receipts during 1968, including both special offerings and increased pledges have been good, and will enable the Parish to make a sizeable payment on the loan from the Diocese. The continued support of all our members will allow us to pay off the loan in good time.

LETTERS OF TRANSFER

A Communicant moving from one Parish to another should request that a letter of transfer for him be sent from his former Parish to his new Parish. It is important that this be done in order to keep our membership records up to date. Forms of Request for a Letter of Transfer may be obtained from the Rector.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY

One of the important parts of our Church's outreach is the Theological Education Offering. Last year St. James Church and Sunday School sent \$400 to the Philadelphia Divinity School and \$150 to the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. A special Offering will be received on Sunday, January 26 to help support this work.

THE PARISH LIBRARY

The Bookcase in the Church vestibule contains the Parish Library. Books may be borrowed by any of our members. When you take a book, please sign your name and the title of the book in the notebook provided for this purpose, and return the book within a reasonable time (a month or so). Books may be donated to the Library through the Rector, and suggestions for new titles are always appreciated.

A PROTESTANT VIEW OF FAMILY PLANNING

In a recent news article Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, D.C. is quoted as saying that "planned parenthood practiced with respect for human life fulfills rather than violates the will of God." Bishop Lord offered his views as a Protestant contribution to the current discussion on family planning. He went on to say, "Children should not be brought into this world unless they can receive the care to which they are entitled." This view is very similar to statements that have been made in recent years by Episcopal and Anglican leaders.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

Church envelopes for 1969 are in the Church and may be picked up at your convenience. Sets of envelopes have been prepared for those who filled in a pledge card for 1969 or who used envelopes last year. Anyone desiring a set of envelopes may obtain them by notifying an usher.

FELLOWSHIP SERVICE AT BETH AM ISRAEL

The Rector will be the speaker at the annual Brotherhood Sabbath Service at Congregation Beth Am Israel, 58th Street and Warrington Avenue. Members of St. James Church are invited to attend the service on Friday, February 21, 1969 at 8:30 P.M. Details and transportation arrangements will be announced in the Sunday bulletins.

AN OPEN CHURCH

We are very happy that we are able to keep St. James Church open daily for prayer and meditation from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. When you are in the neighborhood, come in to the quiet and simplicity of this beautiful sanctuary for a moment of rest and refreshment.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
LENT 1969
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

Dear Friends:

We hear a good deal these days about the "generation gap", which is another way of saying that parents do not always understand their children, and children do not always appreciate their parents. At this point in my own life, I am largely an outsider to this kind of problem, because my own children have not yet reached their teen-age years. But it seems to me, as an outsider, that one of the main problems between young people and adults today is the lack of respect each group has for the other. Young people complain that adults do not treat them as responsible individuals. Adults, on the other hand, say that young people do not always act responsibly. There is some truth, of course, in both these accusations, but charges and counter-charges are not going to solve the problem.

What is needed is for both adults and young people to take a new, fresh look at the situation. We adults should look at the world we have created, with its wars, its injustice and its poverty, and admit in all honesty that it is not such a perfect job we have done. Young people should recognize that they have a tremendous amount of work to do, and a certain amount of authority and cooperation is needed to get the work done. The adults in their world will take seriously their actions and their conduct. There are no easy answers, but perhaps a deepening of respect on each side will help both adults and young people to work together in greater harmony.

It is easy for a young person to talk and dress and act in a manner calculated to antagonize the adults around him. But he may act in this way because the adults are not willing to take his opinions and feelings seriously. If we adults treat our teen-agers as not having any significant part to play in making the decisions that will help to form the world they will be living in, how can we expect them to act as responsible and mature persons? The words of Saint Paul are very much to the point: "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged." The relationship between parents and children should be characterized by that mutual trust and understanding and respect that a Christian shows to every other human being.

May you and your families have a blessed and glorious Easter. May you know the love of God in your hearts. May you be bound together by the ties of love and trust and respect. And may the Spirit of Christ dwell in you richly to bring forth in your lives and the lives of all your loved ones the fruits of his kingdom. May we work together for the good of all, remembering that Christ came as the servant of all.

Sincerely,

Robert C. S. Deacon

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 30....	8:00 A.M.	Holy Communion
	9:30 A.M.	Family Service and Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer and Sermon
		(Distribution of Palms at all Services)
Maundy Thursday	7:45 P.M.	Holy Communion
Good Friday.....	12:00 Noon	Service for Young Churchmen
	12:30 - 2:00 P.M.	Meditations on the Passion - The Rector
	2:00 - 3:00 P.M.	Cantata: "Gethsemane to Golgotha" by H. Alexander Matthews - St. James Choir and Soloists

(Please note that the Holy Communion on Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday will begin fifteen minutes earlier than last year.)

EASTER DAY

6:30 A.M.	Holy Communion
8:00 A.M.	Holy Communion with Hymns and Address
9:30 A.M.	Family Service and Church School (The Flowering of the Cross)
11:00 A.M.	Choral Holy Communion and Sermon

(Every confirmed person should prepare to receive Holy Communion on Easter.)

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sparks Memorial Building, 68th Street and Woodland Avenue on Easter Monday, April 7, 1969 at 8:00 P.M.

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Three Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of three years. The Vestrymen whose terms expire are: William J. Conner, Edward F. Hosbach and Frederick H. Thomas.

THE EASTER OFFERING

The enclosed envelope is for your Easter Offering for the current expenses of St. James Church. This is always a significant item in our budget and enables us to meet our expenses during the spring and summer without difficulty.

"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine." (1 Chronicles 29:11)

THE PARISH REGISTER

November 27, 1968 to March 10, 1969

BAPTISMS: Theresa Maureen McGettigan, David Francis Crain, Sarah Elizabeth Deacon, Carole Loretta Morgan, Lee Thomas Lawley, Raymond Elwood Devine, Jr.

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CONFIRMATIONS: Roberta Marie Colangelo, Geoffrey Robert Deacon, Bette Ann Harvey, Susan Jane Hemphill, James Marshall Kyle, Lawrence Augustus Kyle, Linda Lee Leavitt, Maureen Joan Peck, Walter Jackson Robertson, Jr., John Richard Schultz, Danny John Ulrich, Daniel George Wagner, Jane Florence Wagner.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

MARRIAGE: George William Snyder and Mary Ruth McDowell.

"Whom God hath joined together."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Harry and Mabel Muir Jones and Richard Robert Jones to All Saints, Darby, Pa.; Laura Gladys Estell Petrella, George Joseph Willoughby to St. James, Green Ridge, Pa.; Rebecca Best Hughes and John George and Robert James Hughes to St. John's, Somerville, N.J.

BURIALS: John G. Bailey, Edgar Frownfelter, John Peggemeier, Maude A. Yagle, Raymond A. Parsons, Maude Markel, Eva Roberts, Katherine Moffett, Jefferson B. Seaman, James O. Bunkley, Archibald R. Bradly, Catherine Scheetz, Robert W. Gamble, John T. Gibson, Jean C. Grag, Daniel D. Reiner, Harlan L. Hony, George L. McKinney, William Robinson, Louella DuBois, Gladys A. Fahy, Albert C. Lauff, Sr., Jeanette E. Albee, Gladys H. Chase, Lillian Kramer, Joseph A. Ainis, Mary Stephens, Effie Dute, Freida Clark, George Plemenos, Sarah J. Watson, George E. Doyle, Mary L. Donegan, Lena Orth.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BAZAAR AND SUPPER

We hope to make this year's Sunday School Bazaar and Supper the best ever, and we can with the help of all our members. The Bazaar will be held on Wednesday, April 30, beginning around 4:30. Come on over as soon as your children come home from school. The ham supper will be served from 5 to 7 with tickets still priced at only \$1.65 for adults and 75¢ for children under 12. There will be games with prizes for children of all ages, a snack bar featuring pizza, aprons and fancy gifts suitable for Mother's Day, home-made food and baked goods, penny candy and lemon sticks, religious articles, plants, books, white elephants and high class junk. Most of all there will be a good time for all at our old-fashioned Sunday School Bazaar. Volunteer to help if you can, and come out and bring your friends and neighbors. To offer your services or items for sale, please call Fred Thomas (SU 9-5694) or the Parish Office (SA 7-5265).

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Offerings may be made to the Parish Book of Remembrance in lieu of flowers at a funeral. Cards are sent to the family of the deceased and to the donor, and the person's name is remembered at the Altar and inscribed in the Book of Remembrance. Money received through the Book of Remembrance this year is being used to help pay for the Sunday School Modernization. For information please get in touch with the Rector or the Parish Office.

THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

When the work of Modernizing the Sunday School rooms in the Sparks Building was undertaken a year ago, the Parish borrowed \$18,000 from the Diocese toward the cost of the renovations, to be paid off over a period of six years. Because of the good level of giving during 1968, we were able to pay \$6,000 of the loan at the end of last year, leaving a balance of \$12,000. We are grateful for the support of our people on this program, and we hope with your continued support we will be able to pay off the remaining indebtedness in good time. In case you have not been able to increase your pledge or envelope offerings, and do want to help, special envelopes are placed in the pews each month.

THE BISHOP'S VISITATION

Bishop De Witt will come to St. James for his official Visitation on Sunday, May 25th. The Bishop will be present at both the 8:15 and 11 o'clock Services and will be available for a Reception and Question and Answer period following the late Service. All members of the congregation should try to attend that day. The Bishop's Visitation not only gives the Bishop an opportunity to examine the Parish, but also give members of the Parish an opportunity to speak to the Bishop about our concerns. Further details of the Visitation will be given in the Sunday bulletins.

MEMORIALS

A new Swedish Flag in the Chancel, given by the children of St. James Sunday School through their Birthday Offerings was dedicated at the Lucia Fest.

A set of purple hangings, including a Pulpit Fall, Bible and Book Markers, and two Stoles was dedicated recently in loving memory of Arthur Wressig.

Persons desiring to place memorials in the Church should speak to the Rector.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
SEPTEMBER 1969
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER

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* IMPORTANT NOTICE!!! *
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* Sunday, October 3, 1969 will be *
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* "WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY" *
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* The Holy Communion will be Celebrated at all Services: *
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* 8:15 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. *
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* Every Confirmed person should make his Communion. *
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Dear Friends:

A significant number of the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Pennsylvania have gone on record as opposed to the Black Manifesto and the approach which it represents toward Negro-White relations in our society. We have done so not because we are less concerned than others about the problems facing minority groups, but because we feel that this approach will tend to divide the Church and Nation and increase feelings of hostility. The Church should play a reconciling role in society in this time of tension, and work to bring people together in peace.

We are anxious to try to change the direction of some of the policies and programs of the Diocese through democratic means. We will support persons for Diocesan offices who will be representative of the people, and we will do what we can at the Diocesan Convention in October to lead the Diocese in a responsible direction. We want to preserve the great traditions of the past, while working to renew the Church to meet the demands of an ever-changing future.

Sincerely,

Robert C. S. Deacon, Rector

COMING EVENTS

It is hoped that this letter can be published more frequently to keep you informed of events of interest to you and your friends. The Calendar for October is as follows:

Saturday, October 4 - 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. - Second annual Community Pet Show, sponsored by the G.F.S. In addition to a wide variety of furred, finned and feathered creatures, there will be pony rides for the children, a demonstration by a team from the Philadelphia Police Department K-9 Corps, and a snack shop. Admission will be 25¢, and there will be a registration of 50¢ if you wish to enter a pet in the show. In case of rain the show will be held on October 11.

Sunday, October 5 - "World Wide Communion Sunday"

Monday, October 6 - 8:15 P.M. - Opening meeting of the Church Guild.

Tuesday, October 7 - 8:00 P.M. - Chancel Guild meeting.

Thursday, October 9 - 11:00 A.M. - Episcopal Churchwomen.

Saturday, October 11 - Church Guild bus trip to Smithville and Atlantic City. The bus will leave the Sparks Building at 9 A.M.

Monday, October 13 - 8:00 P.M. - Sunday School Officers and Teachers Meeting and Training Session.

Wednesday, October 15 - Episcopal Churchwomen's work day for the Christmas Bazaar.

Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18 - 186th Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, at the Valley Forge Military Academy.

Monday, October 20 - 8:15 P.M. - Church Guild.

Friday, October 24 - Put on your dancing shoes and come on out to the Fall Frolic. There will be good food, good music, and good (???) entertainment. See the Sunday program for details.

Saturday, October 25 - 2 to 4 P.M. - Hallowe'en Party for members of the Sunday School. We are planning an afternoon party this year for the benefit of the younger children. All are invited to come.

Tuesday, October 28 - 8:00 P.M. - Daughters of the King.

In addition to the events listed above the following groups meet weekly at the times indicated:

Sundays - 7 to 9 P.M. - Young People's Fellowship.

Thursdays - 8:30 P.M. - Senior Choir.

Fridays - 6:45 P.M. - Girls' Choir.

Saturdays - 10 A.M. to 12 Noon - Girls' Friendly Society.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND SUPPER

The Annual Christmas Bazaar and Supper of the Episcopal Churchwomen will be held on Saturday, November 15. Please reserve the date and watch the Sunday Bulletins for details.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations are in order to our Rector Emeritus, the Reverend James C. Gilbert on the occasion of his marriage on June 14 to Miss Dorothy P. Rowland. The Gilberts are traveling in Europe at the present, and Dr. Gilbert will be back at St. James in November.

THE PARISH REGISTER

March 11 to September 18, 1969

BAPTISMS: Linda Jean MacCarter, William Joseph Kaufman, Michelle Anne Kerwood, Robert Scott Oncay, Victoria Tennyson Clyde, Jeffrey Brian Atchison, Hope Lyin Kunze, Kristin Jean Norris, Stephen John Sharkey, Frank Ronald Bannon, Michael Joseph Stegemann, Timothy William DiSanti, Kimberly Marie Lehman, Dean William Davis, Wendy Lynne Warner, Sheri Ann Lane, Jay Harrison Ball, Jr.

"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

The following person was received into the Episcopal Church: Patricia Joyce McNulty Beissel.

"Wherein I received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit."

MARRIAGES: George Kenneth Fraser and Eileen Edna Long; Gary Robert DeLaurentiis and Lynn Alice Frame; Karl E. Johanson and Britta C. Larson; Thomas John O'Connor and Elizabeth Carolyn McClure; William Charles Greiner and Ann Elizabeth Creamer; Joseph Francis Palmer, Jr. and Laura Ann DeMeyere; Philip Joel Crudden and Dolores Marie Owens.

"Whom God hath joined together."

TRANSFERRED FROM ST. JAMES: Margaret McDaid to All Souls, Miami Beach, Florida; Robert Louis and Elsie Marion Ferris Kirschner to Christ the King, Willingboro, N.J.; Eleanor Elizabeth Wilson Schureman to St. Paul's, Chester, Pa.; Lillian E. Taylor to Good Shepherd, Hilltown, Pa.

BURIALS: John H. Hutton, Charles E. Klinger, Thomas Stuart Wragg, Edna Ervin, Maurice J. McCone, Mattie F. Evans, Ephraim J. Bell, Mary Banfi, Robert J. McCready, Mary Ellen Reed, Milroy H. Brown, Maud Killian, Emily C. Terne, Effie McGrellis, Elizabeth Jane Jones, Oram Rinier, William Montgomery, Henrikke Anderson, Frank Lockwood, Caroline Brooks, James R. McKnight, Cecil R. Trowbridge, Anna E. Jeffers, Edward A. Scheer, John A. Miesse, Howard Essling, John M. Robinson, Louise Noden Hannum, William J. Wiley, Gertrude W. Kelly, Urda DeGrazia, Mattie Urian, Anna Heim, Andrew R. Laurie, Sr., Thomas G. Rye, Bertha Kemp, Mary Edwards Schofield, Emma Jackson, John J. Crowsers, Daniel D. Dunlap, Sr., Florence M. Shaffstall, Edna Marsh, John A. Starr, Amelia Kantski, Jennie Coleman, Albert W. Smith, Walter Jerdon, Mary E. Newsome, Charles L. Reyburn, Elizabeth Bick, Florence Murphy, Mary J. King, Egill Johannessen, William H. Erisman, Maude Myers, Patience Adams, Edward M. Tisdale, Mary M. Bader, William Hall, Mary Henning, Amelia McCurdy, Mary Schmehl.

"May their rest be in peace and their dwelling place in the Paradise of God."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. James Sunday School meets at 9:30 each Sunday morning with classes for all ages. Children from infancy through second grade meet in the Sparks Building, 68th & Woodland for the entire session. The older children and adults meet in the Church for the Family Service with classes following at about 10 o'clock in the Sparks Building. An adult class is conducted during the class period, and everyone is dismissed at 10:45. All are welcome to attend, whether members of St. James Church or not.

THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Bishop Andrew Y. Y. Tsu of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui (The Holy Catholic Church in China) will administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation in St. James Church on Sunday, March 1, 1970 at 11:00 A.M. Classes for young people and adults will begin in the near future.

WHO MAY RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

Baptized Christians of other denominations, who are permitted to receive Communion in their own Church are welcome to receive in St. James Church. Persons wishing to become regular Communicants of St. James should be officially Confirmed or Received into the Parish. Please speak to the Rector for further information.

"MY BOUNDEN DUTY"

"My bounden duty is ... to worship God every Sunday in his Church". There are three Services each Sunday for your convenience:

8:15 A.M. - Holy Communion

9:30 A.M. - Family Service and Sunday School

11:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer and Sermon

(Holy Communion - First Sunday of the Month)

SAINT JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING
DECEMBER 1969
THE PARISH FAMILY LETTER



Lucia Fest

ST. JAMES (OLD SWEDES) CHURCH
OF KINGSESSING
6838 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

announces

The Pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs

Written by KATHARINE R. RAMBO

A Reception will follow in the Parish House
coffee cake and coffee will be served

K.P. MANN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1969....7:45 P.M.

My dear Friends:

One of the most appealing of our Christmas traditions is the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" or, as it is better known, "'Twas the Night before Christmas" by Clement Clarke Moore. This poem has been responsible for many of our ideas about Santa Claus: how he flies through the air in his sleigh drawn by eight reindeer; how he comes down the chimney and fills the children's stockings; how he is dressed in a bright red suit and has a white beard and a round fat belly. Even the names of the reindeer come from this poem.

It may seem surprising that the author of this poem was a deeply religious man. A member of the Episcopal Church, the son of a bishop he donated the land on which the General Seminary was built in Manhattan. Although he was a layman, he was an expert in Hebrew, and he became one of the first professors of the seminary. It is surprising that such a man would have written "The Night before Christmas".

Still there is something very fitting about it because Christmas combines both the deeply religious story of the birth of the Savior of the world and the purely human joy of children waiting for Santa Claus. This is Christmas: the coming together of the divine and the human; the perfect union of what we are now and what we can be in Christ. The story of Santa Claus Clement Moore wrote for his children, and the story of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem are both part of the Christmas story, because Christmas is where God and man meet.

May your joy this Christmas be like that of little children.

Sincerely,

Robert C. S. Deacon, Rector

The Calendar for the Advent and Christmas season is as follows:

Sunday, December 14th	7:45 P.M.	"Lucia Fest" - a beautiful pageant of Swedish Christmas Customs under the direction of Miss Mathilde Lehmann. Preacher: the Rev'd. Warren E. Shaw, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester.
Sunday, December 21st	8:15 A.M.	The Holy Communion.
	9:30 A.M.	The Sunday School Christmas Pageant. Presentation of the children's Christmas Offering.
	11:00 A.M.	A Service of Lessons and Carols presented by the Senior Choir of St. James Church under the direction of Miss Mareen Bixler.
Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve	11:00 P.M.	The Candlelight Service of Holy Communion with Hymns and Carols
Thursday, December 25th Christmas Day	8:15 A.M.	The Holy Communion.
Monday, December 29th	7:30 P.M.	Sunday School Christmas Party for the entire School: Nursery and all classes. Entertainment by the Young People's Fellowship.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The special Offering received at Christmas each year is used toward the current expenses of St. James Church. It represents an important item in our operating budget. This is the time of year when people spend a great deal of money on gifts for family and

friends. This is a wonderful expression of affection and concern for other people. We should also consider our Christmas gift to our Church. Suppose the members of St. James Church were to give a tithe (ten per cent) of what we spend on Christmas to the work of our Church. This would go a long way toward balancing our budget for this year.

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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"Wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

MARRIAGES: Dennis M. Casper and Grace Gibson; John E. Cripps and Margaret M. Snyder.
"Whom God hath joined together."

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JAMES: Nellie Beel Long and Myrtle Estelle Long from St. Stephen's, Miami, Florida.

"We have fellowship one with another."

BURIALS: Elizabeth M. McCreary, Margaret Anderson, Rebecca Myers, Raymond P. Boyd, Hazel A. Shaffer, William Schriver, Rosellyn J. Saxton, Victor J. Ray, Sr., Lettie Ella Longendyke, Leora E. Draper, Ada E. Burke.

"May their rest be in peace and their dwelling place
in the Paradise of God."

FR. McCARTY'S VISIT

On Sunday, January 4th, the Rev. John McCarty, Program Director of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, will visit St. James Church. He will be present at all Services, and will give you an opportunity to ask questions about the program of the Diocese. It is important for every Churchman to be as well informed as possible about the work of the Church in the Diocese, even if he does not agree with every aspect of it.

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

Because of an increase in the price of flowers, the cost of placing Flower Memorials on the Altar of St. James Church will be raised to \$5.00 per bouquet as of January 1970. If you wish to place one bouquet on the Altar, the cost will be \$5.00; if you wish to place both bouquets on the Altar, it will be \$10.00.

Miss Anna Schmehl is now in charge of the Flower Memorials. If you wish to make any changes in your usual memorials, please get in touch with her at 2231 South Shields Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19142. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will assume that you wish to continue your usual practice.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE SIGNS

In order to facilitate the flow of traffic in the Churchyard on Sunday mornings drivers are requested to use the Woodland Avenue gate nearest to 69th Street to enter the yard, and the gate nearest to 68th Street to leave. It is also suggested that the gate on 69th Street be used to enter, and the one on 68th Street be used to leave. Signs will be erected in the near future to remind you of this. It is always wise to lock your car whenever you leave it.

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Classes for young people will begin on Sunday, January 4 at 3:30 P.M. in the Sparks Building. Any young people who wish to be Confirmed should come at that time. Adults who wish to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church should speak to the Rector. Adult classes will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin after the first of the year.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut (an Episcopal Church College) is offering a number of scholarships to men and women with high qualifications. The scholarships may provide for all the college expenses where there is financial need. For further information on these or other scholarships, please speak to the Rector.

REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Over the years the bequests of quite a number of persons have helped St. James Church build up an endowment fund, the income from which is used for the ongoing work of the Church. If you would like advice on how to provide for the Church in your will or through an insurance policy, please speak to the Rector or the Accounting Warden.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES for 1970 are in the Church and may be picked up at your convenience. Sets of envelopes have been prepared for those who filled in a pledge card for 1970 or who used envelopes last year. Any person desiring a set of envelopes may obtain them by notifying an usher.